

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10**

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DEEWR Question No. EW0041_10

Senator Siewert asked in writing.

Question

Assessment of compensation for Parenting Payment purposes

In determining parenting payment eligibility, is the compensation that is taken into account the amount actually received under section 21 or the amount before the deductions are made for notional superannuation and the deeming rate?

Answer

If a person receives compensation payments under section 21 of the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*, the amount of compensation actually received by the person under section 21 is assessed in determining the person's eligibility for Parenting Payment, in accordance with section 1173 of the *Social Security Act 1991*.