SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING 2ND NOVEMBER 2006 EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group 1.1: Working age payments

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Question Number: W875-07

Ouestion:

Senator Wong asked in writing: <u>Education Entry Payment</u>. How many claims have been made in each of the past three years at what cost? How does that compare in each year with budget estimates?

Answer:

A separate claim for Education Entry Payment (EdEP) is not required.

EdEP payments are not appropriated separately; they are reported against administered dollars for income support payments. The number of EdEP payments made for the past three financial years were:

2003-04: 50,445 2004-05: 81,473 2005-06: 83,898

Separate Budget estimates are not prepared for EdEP payments. It is therefore not possible to compare actual outcomes with budget estimates.