SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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

OUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group 1.1: Working age payments

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Question Number: W878-07

Ouestion:

Senator Wong asked in writing: <u>Education Entry Payment</u>. Is it possible to receive the payment more than once (say by starting a different course two years after commencing the first course)? What are the rules around this? How many people have received the payment more than once?

Answer:

It is possible to receive an Education Entry Payment (EdEP) more than once. Recipients of Newstart Allowance, Mature Age Allowance (post 01/07/96), Partner Allowance, Widow Allowance and Parenting Payment Partnered who have been in receipt of income support for 12 months can receive an EdEP once in a 12 month period from the date of their last EdEP payment.

Recipients of Disability Support Pension, Parenting Payment Single, can receive an EdEP payment once per calendar year.

Data is not available for the number of recipients who have received multiple EdEP payments.