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 1.2: Labour market programme management and delivery

Output 1.2.4: Mutual Obligations initiatives

Question Number: W964-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Contact Model – DEWR notes that the proportion of job seekers who will be required to report fortnightly to Centrelink will increase from 63% to 90%. What categories of income support recipients will now have fortnightly reporting requirements that did not have so previously?

Answer:

Job seekers who will have fortnightly reporting requirements under the Welfare to Work Contact Model are those in receipt of Newstart or Youth Allowance. Previous arrangements had allowed a proportion of these job seekers to report less frequently (every 4, 6, 8, 10 or 12 weeks).