

**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 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.1: Working age policy

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Question Number: W976-07

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Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 75: **In relation to W016-06 and W017-06, can the Department provide disaggregated figures, of transition group plus new applicants.**

Answer:

W017-06 – No. This answer relates to Parenting Payment, while the transition group only relates to Disability Support Pension (DSP).

W016-06 – This answer provided May 2005 estimates of the number of people likely to go on Newstart Allowance rather than DSP using an annual average cumulative methodology. These estimates have not been revised.

Subsequent estimates used DSP customer flow numbers, which were adjusted at the 2005-06 Additional Estimates. The estimated numbers being granted Newstart Allowance as an alternative to DSP are as follows (rounded to nearest 100):

	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Newstart	19,400	19,400	19,400	19,400
Not cumulative figures.				

The numbers from the transition group (ie granted DSP between 11 May 2005 and 30 June 2006) estimated to transfer to Newstart Allowance at review are as follows (rounded to nearest hundred):

	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Newstart	1,300	19,400	1,300
Not cumulative figures			