

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION  
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
2<sup>ND</sup> 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**

**Output 1.1.1: Working age payments and compliance**

**Question Number: W980-07**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 81 and 83: Utilities allowance. How many people received the allowance for the 2005-06 financial year? What is the anticipated number of recipients for this allowance in the 2006-07 financial year?

**Answer:**

108,563 people in receipt of DEWR income support payments were paid Utilities Allowance in the 2005-06 financial year.

The requested information is not readily ascertainable, and to provide the requested answer would require an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.