

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

**2005-2006 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
30 ,31 MAY and 3 JUNE 2005**

**EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation**

**Output Group 3.1: Working age policy**

**Outputs 3.1.1:: Working Age Policy and Legislation**

**Question Number: W157-06**

**Question:**

Senator Wong provided in writing:

*Welfare to Work, increasing participation of parents:*

(a) Please provide a detailed breakdown of the expenses for all components of this item in the Budget Statement (broken down into each employment or other program, and each income support payment) for each of the years from 2005-06 to 2008-09.

(b) Please detail the anticipated reductions, in each year, in PPS and PPP expenses (not just Parenting Payment as a whole) and offsetting increases in expenses on other DEWR and non-DEWR payments. Please break these down into savings in respect of new applicants and savings in respect of existing recipients

**Answer:**

(a) The estimated costs of changes to employment programmes administered by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations as a result of the Welfare to Work, increasing participation of parents measure are:

	Estimated Programme Cost (\$m)			
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	3 Year Total
<b>Parents - Service:</b>				
<b>Vocational Rehabilitation</b>	6.183	15.199	11.171	32.553
<b>Open Employment Services</b>	4.718	14.836	18.025	37.579
<b>Personal Support Programme</b>	4.856	11.937	8.774	25.567
<b>Community Development Employment Project</b>	3.682	3.763	3.846	11.291
<b>Work for the Dole</b>	0.946	3.521	4.259	8.726
<b>Job Network</b>	53.219	107.192	67.056	227.467
<b>Job Network (Employment Preparation)</b>	15.043	19.247	8.874	43.164

Note: <sup>1</sup> Slight discrepancies may occur between the sum of the three years and the total figure due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> There are no administered costs for services in 2005-06.

The estimated changes to income support payments administered by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations as a result of the Welfare to Work, increasing participation of parents measure are:

	<b>Estimated Payment Cost (\$m)</b>			
	<b>2006/07</b>	<b>2007/08</b>	<b>2008/09</b>	<b>3 Year Total</b>
<b>Parents – Income Support Payment:</b>				
<b>Disability Support Pension</b>	10.364	29.117	46.526	86.007
<b>Newstart</b>	186.704	518.216	818.088	1,523.008
<b>Pensioner Education Supplement</b>	-6.370	-6.565	-6.716	-19.651
<b>Parenting Payment Partnered</b>	75.039	78.251	75.077	228.367
<b>Parenting Payment Single</b>	-302.556	-748.566	-1,191.062	-2,242.194

Note: <sup>1</sup> Slight discrepancies may occur between the sum of the three years and the total figure due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> There are no administered costs for income support payments in 2005-06.

(b) The breakdown of costs required to answer this question is not available and would require significant resources to calculate.