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: W018-06

Ouestion:

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 49:

What are the savings that result to the government of people moving onto enhanced Newstart as opposed to DSP, parenting payment partnered or parenting payment single?

Answer:

Increasing Participation of Parents and Increasing Participation of People with a Disability measures are expense measures over the forward estimates period.

There are therefore no savings to the Government resulting from people moving onto enhanced Newstart rather than Disability Support Pension, Parenting Payment (Single) or Parenting Payment (Partnered). The change in income support arrangements is more than matched by increased costs associated with employment and related assistance