

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

**2005-2006 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
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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: W022-06

Question:

Senator Evans asked at *Hansard* page 60:

Can you please provide us with a chart in relation to what conditions have been applied to mature age workers in the welfare reform package?

Answer:

Newstart allowees	Welfare to Work Reform
50+ years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Job search requirements will be aligned with those for prime age NSA recipients.• No annual Mutual Obligation activity requirement, but eligible to participate in Work for the Dole on a voluntary basis.
55-64 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activity test requirements apply unless participating in voluntary work or employment for 15 hours or more per week.
50-54 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No longer able to satisfy activity test by undertaking voluntary work or a combination of voluntary and part time work.
40-49 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unless another Mutual Obligation activity is commenced, Work for the Dole is the default activity.

