

**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

Output: 3.1.1 Working Age Policy Legislation

Question Number: W038-06

The \$51m saving from the AWT package relates to costs associated with personal adviser services. How many fewer personal advisers does this imply?

Answer:

The \$51.8 million Centrelink saving is the estimated **net** saving by Centrelink from the mature age measure. It is the difference between:

- the Centrelink offsets for mature age servicing under current arrangements, which include savings from winding back the AWT measure *A fair go for mature age workers – More encouragement to participate*, and
- the Centrelink costs of servicing mature age customers under the new *Welfare to Work – Increasing participation of the mature aged* measure.

The \$51.8 million Centrelink net saving therefore does not have a direct relationship with the number of Personal Advisers that will be discontinuing.