

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

**2007-2008 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
28 AND 29 MAY 2007
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: **W170-08**

Question:

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 104: Mobility Allowance. Please provide an update of W1122-07 which read “How many people are being signed up at the higher rate on a month by month basis?” Please include numbers for less than a year, one to two years, two to three years, three to four years and five-plus years, state by state if possible, as well as average duration.

Answer:

The following table provides an update to the number of recipients being granted a rate increase or being granted the higher rate.

Month of Grant	Rate Increase	New Grant	Total
Mar 07	368	46	414

To provide the duration a recipient has been on income support at the time of the rate increase would require an unreasonable diversion of departmental/portfolio resources.

Estimated cost: Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 30 minutes at an estimated cost of \$10.00.