

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10**

**Outcome** 4  
**DEEWR Question No.** EW543\_10

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

**Question**

*Parents with Grandfathered Status*

How many parents have lost their grandfathered status since July 2006?

**Answer**

Of the 583 984 Parenting Payment recipients with grandfathered status at 28 July 2006, at 247 125 were still Parenting Payment recipients with grandfathered status 25 September 2009

Of the balance, 58 per cent (194 405) had left income support, 27 per cent (90 761) were on a different income support payment (for example, because they no longer had a qualifying child in their care) and 15 per cent (51 693) were on Parenting Payment but were no longer grandfathered.

A principal carer receiving Parenting Payment no longer has grandfathered status if, at any time from 1 July 2006, they cease being paid under the grandfathering provisions for a continuous period of more than 12 weeks. This may happen, for example, if a person:

- earns income above the cut-off point for more than six consecutive fortnights,
- is not the principal carer of any dependent children under 16 years of age for a continuous period of more than 12 weeks,
- has another change of circumstances that makes them ineligible for payment for a continuous period of more than 12 weeks, or
- changes their relationship status for a continuous period of more than 12 weeks.