



## Department of Social and Family Affairs

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### **Statement from the Department of Social and Family Affairs regarding Live Register figures reported in the Irish Examiner**

The Department of Social and Family Affairs would like to clarify that the Live Register figures published by the CSO each month **includes all claims awaiting decision**. Once a claim is registered, it is counted for Live Register purposes regardless of whether the individual is in receipt of Jobseeker's Benefit, Jobseeker's Allowance or awaiting a decision on their claim.

This means that the Live Register figure of 247,384 for August 2008, published by the CSO, includes 16,941 Jobseeker's Benefit claims and 20,982 Jobseeker's Allowance claims which were awaiting decision at the end of August.

**ENDS**

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