



## Request for budget analysis

| Employment services information - Part 2   |  |
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| Party requesting the analysis:   | Select Committee on Workforce Australia Employment Services                                |
| Date analysis completed:   | 31 January 2023  |
| Expiry date of the analysis:   | Release of the next economic and fiscal outlook report.                                    |
| Status at time of request:   | Submitted outside the caretaker period   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Confidential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not confidential |
| <p>Summary of request:</p> <p>The request sought information on the historical cost and forward estimates profile for the following employment services programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work for the Dole from 2012</li> <li>• New Enterprise Incentive Scheme from 2015</li> <li>• Transition to Work from 2016</li> <li>• Employability Skills Training from 2017</li> <li>• Career Transition Assistance from 2018</li> <li>• Entrepreneurship Facilitators from 2022</li> <li>• Self-Employment Assistance from 2022</li> <li>• Workforce Specialists from 2022</li> </ul> <p>For each program, the request sought a breakdown based on whether payments were made to the department, providers, jobseekers or employers.</p> |  |

### Overview

This response provides expense data for the requested employment services programs by financial year since 2011-12 to 2025-26 at Attachment A.

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations provided the data in January 2023. They advised that departmental funding amounts are provided at the outcome level and further splits by employment services programs are not possible. Given this, Table A1 shows the payment splits by where the payments were made to or are projected to be made to.

The data were rounded to the nearest \$1,000.

## Data sources

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations provided the data in January 2023. The forecasts are as the *2022-23 October Budget* and the actuals are as at many published sources, which are listed below.

- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (2013), [Annual Report 2012-13](#), Australian Government.
- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (2013), [Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2012-13](#), Australian Government.
- Department of Education, Skills and Employment (2022), [Annual Report 2021-22](#), Australian Government.
- Department of Education, Skills and Employment (2022), [Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2021-22](#), Australian Government.
- Department of Education, Skills and Employment (2021), [Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2020-21](#), Australian Government.
- Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (2023), [Portfolio Budget Statements October 2022-23](#), Australian Government.
- Department of Employment (2017), [Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2016-17](#), Australian Government.
- Department of Employment (2016), [Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2015-16](#), Australian Government.
- Department of Employment (2015), [Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2014-15](#), Australian Government.
- Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business (2019), [Annual Report 2018-19](#), Australian Government.
- Department of Jobs and Small Business (2019), [Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2018- 19](#), Australian Government.
- Department of Jobs and Small Business (2018), [Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2017- 18](#), Australian Government.

## Attachment A – Employment services information – financial implications

Table A1: Employment services information – Selected employment payments – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)<sup>(a)(b)</sup>

|  | Actuals       |               |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                | Forecasts      |                |                |                |
|--|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | 2011-12       | 2012-13       | 2013-14        | 2014-15        | 2015-16        | 2016-17        | 2017-18        | 2018-19        | 2019-20        | 2020-21        | 2021-22        | 2022-23        | 2022-23        | 2023-24        | 2024-25        | 2025-26        |
| <b>Administered expenses</b>                         |               |               |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Payments to providers                                |               |               |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| <i>Work For the Dole</i>                             | 0.095         | 0.095         | 0.058          | 9.296          | 169.840        | 134.832        | 84.539         | 58.535         | 43.209         | 6.270          | 13.792         | 1.494          | 33.158         | 42.514         | 39.656         | 40.507         |
| <i>New Enterprise Incentive Scheme<sup>(c)</sup></i> | 7.875         | 29.732        | 32.480         | 33.017         | 47.969         | 58.027         | 61.827         | 64.733         | 55.977         | 36.397         | 90.725         | 1.173          | -              | -              | -              | -              |
| <i>Transition to Work<sup>(d)</sup></i>              | -             | -             | -              | -              | 18.536         | 91.627         | 109.321        | 118.042        | 116.996        | 244.798        | 208.945        | 94.392         | 316.837        | 331.079        | 305.941        | 321.499        |
| <i>Employability Skills Training</i>                 | -             | -             | -              | -              | -              | 3.927          | 22.940         | 31.839         | 32.568         | 34.621         | 27.057         | 0.832          | 70.834         | 86.890         | 87.098         | 94.961         |
| <i>Career Transition Assistance</i>                  | -             | -             | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | 1.683          | 7.098          | 11.198         | 8.579          | 2.368          | 5.211          | 5.124          | 4.805          | 5.015          |
| <i>Entrepreneurship Facilitators</i>                 | -             | -             | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | 1.459          | 2.123          | 4.497          | 5.612          | 5.612          | 5.994          |
| <i>Self Employment Assistance</i>                    | -             | -             | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | 4.136          | 13.398         | 56.540         | 54.451         | 54.451         | 58.149         |
| <i>Workforce Specialists</i>                         | -             | -             | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | 12.480         | 12.480         | 12.480         | 12.480         |
| Total - providers                                    | 7.970         | 29.827        | 32.538         | 42.313         | 236.345        | 288.412        | 278.626        | 274.833        | 255.847        | 333.285        | 354.693        | 115.781        | 499.556        | 538.151        | 510.044        | 538.604        |
| Payments to job seekers                              |               |               |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| <i>New Enterprise Incentive Scheme<sup>(c)</sup></i> | 66.733        | 66.809        | 69.590         | 72.555         | 20.528         | 27.256         | 30.806         | 32.788         | 29.114         | 42.522         | 41.127         | 2.749          | -              | -              | -              | -              |
| <i>Self Employment Assistance</i>                    | -             | -             | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | 25.387         | 99.082         | 114.349        | 116.874        | 120.070        |
| Total - job seekers                                  | 66.733        | 66.809        | 69.590         | 72.555         | 20.528         | 27.256         | 30.806         | 32.788         | 29.114         | 42.522         | 41.127         | 28.136         | 99.082         | 114.349        | 116.874        | 120.070        |
| Payments to employers                                |               |               |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Total - employers <sup>(d)</sup>                     | -             | -             | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | na             | na             | na             | na             |
| <b>Total - administered expenses</b>                 | <b>74.703</b> | <b>96.635</b> | <b>102.128</b> | <b>114.869</b> | <b>256.873</b> | <b>315.668</b> | <b>309.432</b> | <b>307.621</b> | <b>284.961</b> | <b>375.806</b> | <b>395.821</b> | <b>143.918</b> | <b>598.638</b> | <b>652.500</b> | <b>626.918</b> | <b>658.674</b> |

|  | Actuals        |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |           | Forecasts        |                  |                  |                  |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|  | 2011-12        | 2012-13        | 2013-14        | 2014-15        | 2015-16        | 2016-17        | 2017-18        | 2018-19        | 2019-20        | 2020-21        | 2021-22        | 2022-23   | 2022-23          | 2023-24          | 2024-25          | 2025-26          |
| <b>Departmental expenses</b>                             |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |           |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| <i>Outcome level - employment services<sup>(e)</sup></i> | 362.808        | 354.967        | 231.015        | 252.959        | 254.936        | 276.015        | 307.902        | 332.769        | 369.229        | 408.942        | 486.296        | na        | 459.077          | 408.191          | 404.711          | 396.253          |
| <b>Total - departmental expenses</b>                     | <b>362.808</b> | <b>354.967</b> | <b>231.015</b> | <b>252.959</b> | <b>254.936</b> | <b>276.015</b> | <b>307.902</b> | <b>332.769</b> | <b>369.229</b> | <b>408.942</b> | <b>486.296</b> | <b>na</b> | <b>459.077</b>   | <b>408.191</b>   | <b>404.711</b>   | <b>396.253</b>   |
| <b>Total expenses</b>                                    | <b>437.511</b> | <b>451.602</b> | <b>333.143</b> | <b>367.828</b> | <b>511.809</b> | <b>591.683</b> | <b>617.334</b> | <b>640.390</b> | <b>654.190</b> | <b>784.748</b> | <b>882.117</b> | <b>na</b> | <b>1,057.715</b> | <b>1,060.691</b> | <b>1,031.629</b> | <b>1,054.927</b> |

- (a) Data were provided by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations in January 2023. Actuals are to 30 November 2022. Forecasts are full-year forecasts as at the 2022-23 October Budget.
- (b) For the programs listed, there was no actual payments paid directly to employers. This is because the programs listed do not include the following payments made to jobactive providers (Administration fees, outcome payments, employment fund and wage subsidies).
- (c) There are no forecasts for the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme as it was replaced by the Self Employment Assistance program on 4 July 2022.
- (d) For the Transition to Work forecasts, the payments to providers include the Youth Bonus Wage Subsidy. Wage subsidy payments are made to employers by providers consistent with the terms and conditions of a participant's individual wage subsidy agreements.
- (e) Figures are provided at the outcome level and include corporate resourcing and corporate overheads, including depreciation, property, leasing and IT costs. In addition, these disclosures include impairments and actuarial adjustments to the department balance sheet in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The departmental total is for the equivalent employment services outcome for each financial year, noting the scope of the outcome differs across each financial year, particularly prior to Administrative Arrangements Orders issued on 18 September 2013, when the relevant outcome included income support, remote employment services and disability employment services. Further information can be found in relevant annual reports and portfolio additional estimates statements.
- Indicates nil.
- na Indicates not available. Figures were not provided.