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Request for budget analysis

Employment services information - Part 2		
Party requesting the analysis:	Select Committee on Workforce Australia Employment Services	
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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"> • Work for the Dole from 2012 • New Enterprise Incentive Scheme from 2015 • Transition to Work from 2016 • Employability Skills Training from 2017 • Career Transition Assistance from 2018 • Entrepreneurship Facilitators from 2022 • Self-Employment Assistance from 2022 • Workforce Specialists from 2022 <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)^{(a)(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
Administered expenses																
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^(c)</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^(d)</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^(c)</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 ^(d)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	na	na	na	na
Total - administered expenses	74.703	96.635	102.128	114.869	256.873	315.668	309.432	307.621	284.961	375.806	395.821	143.918	598.638	652.500	626.918	658.674

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Departmental expenses																
<i>Outcome level - employment services^(e)</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
Total - departmental expenses	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
Total expenses	437.511	451.602	333.143	367.828	511.809	591.683	617.334	640.390	654.190	784.748	882.117	na	1,057.715	1,060.691	1,031.629	1,054.927

- (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.