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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE



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CHAIR—Would you be happy if we took those [the Job Placement Monitoring Owner's Manual and the Job Placement Site visit checklist] as exhibits?

Answer

The Job Placement Licence 2006-2009 is a public document and is available on the www.workplace.gov.au website.

The Job Placement Monitoring Owner's Manual and the Site Visit Checklist assist contract managers to monitor Job Placement Organisations (JPOs). Both these documents are internal working documents written for DEWR contract managers and are not in an appropriate format for public release. DEWR is developing a version of these to publish for JPOs.



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Mr LAMING—As a follow-up, can I ask just how many people are devoted to maintaining that service within the department and the amount of resources directed to maintain Job Search.

Answer

Expenditure for JobSearch is managed and formally reported on under Outcome 1, Output 1.2-Labour market and programme management delivery. DEWR reports expenditure for Output 1.2 in the Annual Report.



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Ms GRIERSON—On the job placement system, the findings were that people were not staying in jobs for very long, that three months or six months later they were not in a job. Has that been improved?

Answer

Analysis of outcomes shows that the vast majority of job seekers placed in jobs by Job Placement Organisations (JPOs) remain in employment at least three months after their placement. Post Programme Monitoring (PPM) survey results show that, for 2005-06, around 72.2 percent of job seekers placed were in employment three months later. This is steadily increasing as [Table 1](#) indicates.

Table 1- Percentage of job seekers still in employment three months after job placement.

Year	Percent
2002-03	66.4 percent
2003-04	69.8 percent
2004-05	70.2 percent
2005-06	72.2 percent

DEWR does not conduct PPM surveys six months after placement. However, off- benefit outcome data is an alternative measurement of job seeker circumstances six months after placement and this data shows that, for 2005-06, 73.1 percent of job seekers are still off benefits six months after being placed by JPOs.