

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 3 - Employment

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Comparison of funding between RJCP and other employment services

Question

Senator PAYNE: That is great. Ms Milliken on notice, could you please give the committee a comparison of how the funding per job seeker under the RJCP compares with the funding extending to those jobseekers for the four existing employment services—that is, the JSA, disability employment, the CDEP and the IEP—so I can see the sort of money that is attracting to these providers versus what was there before for the same sorts of jobseekers?

Ms Milliken: Certainly.

Senator PAYNE: Thank you very much.

Ms J Taylor: We will certainly take that on notice. We would need to point out that, with the IEP in particular, where that is for an employer, if it is about economic development, there is not a natural per jobseeker—

Senator PAYNE: It will not be an apples and apples situation. I understand.

Answer

Comparing funding per job seeker across different employment and participation programs is problematic due to the different program requirements and wide range of variables involved.

Contracts for JSA, DES and RJCP which includes details of provider funding is available at www.deewr.gov.au.