

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING
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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: An effectively functioning labour market

Output Group 1.1: Labour Market Policy and Analysis

Output 1.1.2: Research, evaluation and reporting

Question Number: W372-04

Question:

Senator Webber asked at *Hansard* page 33:

Has the use of mobile phones by Job Seekers shown that there is more of a metropolitan take-up and success rate than for people outside the metropolitan area?

Answer:

The take up rate of using mobile phones (SMS) to receive auto-matching notifications was the same in rural and metropolitan areas. However, SMS notifications appear to have been marginally more effective in rural areas in terms of placements achieved.