

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

**2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING
19 FEBRUARY 2004**

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: W384-04

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

In December 2003 DEWR undertook a survey that it stated was to be used *"to identify more effective ways of helping people look for employment that suits their individual needs."*

- (a) How much did this survey cost?
- (b) Who conducted the survey? Were external providers involved in the conduct or analysis of this survey? If so, who were they and how much were they each paid for their services?
- (c) How many people were asked the survey questions?
- (d) How were the survey participants selected?
- (e) Please provide information to the Committee about the number of participants:
 - (i) by electorate
 - (ii) by age group
 - (iii) by gender
 - (iv) by employment status

Please provide the results of this survey to the Committee.

Answer:

- (a) The survey is still in the data entry phase, so it is not clear what the final cost will be. However, it is expected the survey will cost around \$35,000.
- (b) The survey was conducted by the department. The mailout was handled by Salmat, with data entry being undertaken by the Green and Green Group. Final costs are not yet available, but the total cost is expected to be around \$35,000. Departmental staff will conduct the analysis.

- (c) The sample size was 10,000.
- (d) The sample was selected randomly.
- (e) These data will not be available until the survey results are analysed. Data are not expected to be available by electorate.