

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

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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group 1.2: Labour Market Programme and Delivery

Output 1.2.2: Employment Services

Question Number: W202-05

Question:

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 76:

Can the department provide advice in relation to the Perth business PVS Workfind distributing information in relation to graduated job network subsidies or job placement subsidies?

Answer:

Job Network members have access to the Job Seeker Account to provide assistance to job seekers to help them secure employment. Wage subsidies are one way Job Network members can provide tailored assistance to help job seekers secure employment.

In July and August 2004, PVS Workfind, a Job Network member in Western Australia, undertook an initiative to encourage employers to hire disadvantaged and long term unemployed job seekers. PVS Workfind used their own funds to pay for promotional materials and the conduct of follow-up interviews with prospective employers. PVS Workfind provided wage subsidies using the Job Seeker Account to assist job seekers to secure employment. The Department undertakes regular performance monitoring of its contracted providers to ensure the services they deliver are in accordance with the Contract.