

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

**2004-2005 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
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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 management and delivery

Outputs 1.2.2: Employment services

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Senator Webber asked at *Hansard* page 80:

Can the department provide additional data on where people with disabilities are being matched to skills shortages and how many people from DSP are filling the skills shortages?

Answer:

The department regularly publishes National/State Skills Shortage lists on its Workplace website (www.workplace.gov.au).

In 2004 there were 2,830 job placements made for people with a disability in positions listed as having an identified skills shortage. This is a 293 per cent increase over 2003 where 966 job seekers with a disability were placed into occupations where a skills shortage was identified.

In 2004, 344 job placements were made for job seekers in receipt of Disability Support Pension into positions with skills shortages. This is an increase of 410 per cent over 2003 where 84 placements of DSP recipients were made into occupations where a skills shortage was identified.

The main occupational skill shortage categories in which job seekers with a disability and those on Disability Support Pension were placed are Metal Fabricator, Cook, Child Care Worker, Carpenter, Chef and Metal Fitter.