

**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 1.2.2/1.2.5: Employment Services/Employment Preparation Services

Question Number: W220-05

Question:

Senator Murray provided in writing:

Please provide annual data for the last three years on expenditure on, and numbers of participants in, the Government's labour market programs for jobless people including: Job Network (with separate data on Intensive Assistance/Intensive Support/Customised Assistance respectively), specialist programs for people with disabilities (data for each program), and specialist programs such as Transition to Work and JET for parents and carers.

Answer:

Expenditure on Job Network (JN) for financial years 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and 2003/2004 are detailed in Table 1. JN job placement and commencement numbers for financial years 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and 2003/2004, are detailed in Table 2.

Expenditure and participant numbers for specialist programs for people with disabilities for financial years 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and 2003/2004, are outlined in Table 3.

Expenditure and participant numbers for Vocational Rehabilitation for financial years 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and 2003/2004, are detailed in Table 4.

Expenditure and participant numbers for Transition to Work for financial years 2002/2003 and 2003/2004, are detailed in Table 5. Transition to Work commenced on 1 July 2002.

The training element of the JET programme were subsumed into the new Transition to Work (TTW) programme following the 2002 Budget. The remaining elements of JET are the responsibility of the Department of Family and Community Services (FaCS).

Table 1: JOB NETWORK EXPENDITURE

Programme Expenditure (\$M)	Financial Year		
	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Total Job Network	816.488	852.577	999.133

Table 2: JOB NETWORK JOB PLACEMENT AND COMMENCEMENTS¹

	Financial Year		
	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04 ²
Total Job Placement	490,000	448,000	518,000
Employment Service Contract 2			
Job Search Training	79,389	72,519	N/A
Intensive Assistance	284,787	228,607	N/A
Employment Service Contract 3			
Job Search Support	N/A	N/A	1,041,600
Intensive Support	N/A	N/A	598,800
Intensive Support Job Search Training	N/A	N/A	150,400
Intensive Support Customised Assistance	N/A	N/A	305,600
New Enterprise Incentive Scheme	6,106	6,990	6,410
Harvest Labour Services	15,700	14,000	14,400

Notes:

- 1 The Employment Services Contract 2003-2006 (ESC3) introduced new Job Network services under the Active Participation Model. Due to changes in service arrangements, it is not valid to draw direct comparisons between commencements in ESC2 and ESC3 services.
- 2 Commencements in 2003-04 include one-off transition effects of jobseekers moving to the Active Participation Model from 1 July 2003.

Table 3: EXPENDITURE AND PARTICIPANTS IN SPECIALIST PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Outlet Type	Expenditure (\$M)	Participants
2001/2002		
Open Employment	\$125.020	41,157
Dual (Open and Supported Employment services) *	\$20.493	5,788
2002/2003		
Open Employment	\$129.271	42,865
Dual (Open and Supported Employment services) *	\$14.676	3,685
2003/2004		
Open Employment	\$146.404	45,717
Dual (Open and Supported Employment services) *	\$16.387	3,466

Notes:

* Data was not disaggregated between open and supported employment services for outlets that provided both (dual).

Vocational Rehabilitation:

Table 4: EXPENDITURE AND PARTICIPANTS IN VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Financial Year	DEWR Expenditure (\$M)	Participants
2001/2002	\$104.037	30,205
2002/2003	\$116.300	35,892
2003/2004	\$119.181*	41,354 [#]

Notes:

* Funding in addition to this amount was provided for Vocational Rehabilitation Programmes through the Australians Working Together (AWT) Initiative through the Disability Employment Assistance and other Services appropriation. In addition CRS receives revenue through additional government (non-DEWR) and non-government sources, including through its commercial work in the compensable rehabilitation market..

This figure includes Vocational Rehabilitation participants funded through the AWT initiative.

Table 5: EXPENDITURE AND COMMENCEMENTS IN TRANSITION TO WORK

Financial Year	Expenditure (\$M)	Commencements
2002/2003	\$10.693	12,009
2003/2004	\$11.510	11,886