

**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

Output 1.2.2: Employment Services

Question Number: W231-05

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Please provide a breakdown, according to the above characteristics, of the following outcomes for Intensive Support and Intensive Support Customised Assistance through 2004:

- (1) the % who were in full time (a) unsubsidised and (b) subsidised employment three months after leaving Customised Assistance
- (2) the same for part time employment
- (3) the % who attracted an (a) interim and (b) final outcome payment within 12 months after commencing Customised Assistance
- (4) the % of Intensive Support recipients generally who attracted an (a) interim and (b) final outcome payment through the year
- (5) the % of Intensive Support recipients who attracted an Intermediate (a) interim and (b) final outcome payment through the year.

Answer:

(1) and (2) Information relating to the labour market status of clients three months after leaving employment assistance programmes and services is collected through the Department's Post Programme Monitoring (PPM) Survey.

Data relating to clients who completed Intensive Support customised assistance in the period 1 October 2003 to 31 August 2004 and who achieved outcomes by 30 November 2004 are detailed in Table 1.

While the customised assistance component of Intensive Support runs for 6 months, clients can participate in Intensive Support for longer periods. Therefore, outcomes for Intensive Support are not yet available, as sufficient time has not elapsed for the outcomes of a representative group of Intensive Support participants to be obtained.

Table 1*Intensive support customised assistance: Post assistance outcomes in the 11 months ending November 2004¹*

Job seeker characteristics	Part-time employment (%)	Full-time employment (%)	Subsidised employment (%)	Total employment (%)
Duration of unemployment				
<1 year	21.1	29.1	na	50.2
1-2 years	18.4	28.5	na	46.9
2 to 3 years	14.7	28.4	na	43.1
3 years plus	10.0	25.8	na	35.8
Age Group (years)				
15 to 20	18.9	25.4	na	44.3
21 to 24	19.4	27.6	na	47.0
25 to 34	18.6	27.4	na	46.0
35 to 49	15.1	29.5	na	44.6
50 or more	12.9	28.7	na	41.6
Gender				
Males	18.9	24.0	na	42.9
Females	12.6	34.7	na	47.3
Equity Groups²				
Disability	12.1	25.7	na	37.8
Indigenous	15.3	17.4	na	32.7
CALD ³	15.8	25.4	na	41.2
Sole Parents	11.1	40.3	na	51.4
Educational attainment				
Less than Year 10	13.0	23.2	na	36.2
Year 10 or 11	16.2	27.7	na	43.9
Year 12	19.0	31.6	na	50.6
Post Secondary	19.3	31.3	na	50.6
Unknown	16.7	26.6	na	43.3
State				
New South Wales	15.1	26.6	na	41.7
Victoria	16.8	27.0	na	43.8
Queensland	18.3	29.9	na	48.2
Western Australia	19.6	27.4	na	47.0
South Australia	15.8	29.8	na	45.6
Tasmania	12.8	32.1	na	44.9
Northern Territory	17.7	18.7	na	36.4
Australian Capital Territory	16.9	29.7	na	46.6
Disadvantage category				
Highly disadvantaged	12.3	24.0	na	36.3
Not highly disadvantaged	18.6	30.0	na	48.6

1. Job seekers who left Intensive Support customised assistance placements between 1 October 2003 and 31 August 2004 and outcomes achieved by 30 November 2004. Outcomes results for the full 2004 calendar year are not yet available, as the collation of results for clients who achieved outcomes in December 2004 has not yet been finalised.

2. Equity groups are not mutually exclusive.

3. People from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds from other than main English Speaking countries.

Na Not available

Source: The Post Programme Monitoring Survey conducted three months after job seekers cease assistance

(3), (4) and (5) These data are not readily available. Available statistics show that on 31 December 2004, the end of the third six month Milestone period, the long term (13 week) job outcome rate for Intensive Support was around 26%. This compares with a rate of 16% at the same point in the previous contract period.