

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

**2004-2005 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
17 FEBRUARY 2005**

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

Question Number: W232-05

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Please provide the overall expenditure on Job Seeker Accounts through 2004 (broken down by funds spent during Customised Assistance and other):

- a. the proportion of Customised Assistance recipients who attracted Job Seeker Account expenditure
- b. the average Job Seeker Account expenditure by providers on those Intensive Support Customised Assistance recipients, broken down according to type of expenditure (e.g. vocational training, other education and training, wage subsidies, tools and equipment etc, additional interviews, other professional assistance, relocation, transport (eg fares), and other)
- c. data on primary outcomes for these jobseekers broken down by type of Job Seeker Account expenditure (as above).

Answer:

- a. Seventy nine percent of job seekers who participated in Intensive Support Customised Assistance (ISca) during the calendar year 2004 were assisted under the Job Seeker Account during that year. Fifty four percent of eligible job seekers who participated in other Job Network services during the calendar year 2004, were assisted under the Job Seeker Account during that year.

- b. The following table provides the average Job Seeker Account expenditure for eligible job seekers who commenced in ISca and other Job Network assistance, broken down by expenditure category. The data is for Job Seeker Account expenditure committed or reimbursed through the calendar year 2004:

Expenditure Category	Average expenditure for those job seekers who received this type of assistance	
	ISca (\$)	other JN assistance (\$)
Clothing and Equipment	200	172
Employer Incentives	1,946	1,831
Fares, Petrol and Transport	201	157
Contacts	177	142
Professional Services	333	290
Relocation Assistance	468	419
Training	504	408
Other (not listed above)	227	192

- c. Job seekers may receive a range of assistance funded by the Job Seeker Account from multiple categories that contribute to individual job seekers gaining employment. The information on the type of assistance or category which contributed to each job seeker's outcome is therefore not readily available.