SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

2006-2007 ADDITIONAL BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING 15 FEBRUARY 2007 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: W1104-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* pages 29 and 30: **Disability Employment.** How many of the full services are capped and how many are uncapped? How many disability employment network uncapped providers have reached their full market share of referrals?

Answer:

Disability Employment Network Capped sites are contracted to assist a specified number of job seekers at a point in time. As at 9 March 2007, 80 Disability Employment Network Capped sites were utilising all their places.

The Disability Employment Network Uncapped stream is demand-driven. Providers are allocated a market share of the potential flow of job seekers who are referred to the Uncapped stream in their location. Providers have a 20 per cent tolerance to take referrals over their contracted market share. As at 23 March 2007, 146 Uncapped sites were at their upper tolerance and hence could not take on new job seekers. In these circumstances, job seekers would be referred to another provider in the location who was not at their upper tolerance.

Estimated cost: Based on the FOI calculator it has taken approximately 15 hours at an estimated cost of \$300 to prepare this answer.