

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

**2006-2007 ADDITIONAL 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:** **W1128-07**

**Question:**

Senator Claire Moore asked in writing,

- (a) Please explain the NEIS.
- (b) What type of financial advice is available to Australians?
- (c) How many people were assisted by a NEIS officer in 2005-06?
- (d) How many people attended NEIS seminars in 2005-06?
- (e) What was the cost of the NEIS in 2005-06?

**Answer:**

**a)** The New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS) assists unemployed people to establish their own, financially viable small business. NEIS is a comprehensive package of assistance providing small business training, income support and mentoring support for unemployed people during the first year of operation of their small business.

**b)** NEIS participants receive some financial training through the finance-based units in the NEIS training course. Participants may receive some basic financial advice from their NEIS provider based on the assessment of their Business Plan. NEIS participants may also seek their own financial advice.

**c)** Approximately 6,200 job seekers commenced in NEIS in 2005-06.

**d)** NEIS providers may hold seminars but numbers are not recorded.

**e)** NEIS is funded from Output 1.2.2, Employment services. Disaggregation of funding below Output level is not available.

**Estimated cost:** Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer has taken approximately 2.5 hours at an estimated cost of \$50.