

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

WORK EXPERIENCE PHASE OF JSA

Is it correct that the Work Experience phase of the JSA program attracts considerable lower amounts of money for services [sic] highly disadvantage clients?

Answer

No.

Job Services Australia providers receive the same service fee and amount of Employment Pathway Fund credit (\$500) for all job seekers in the Work Experience Phase, regardless of Stream. However, Job Services Australia providers are not restricted to using \$500 per job seeker and manage expenditure according to individual job seeker needs.

In addition, the outcome fee for placing the most disadvantaged job seekers (Streams 3 and 4) into employment is more than double (\$2025) the amount for more job ready job seekers (Stream 1 - \$572 and Stream 2 - \$938).

A greater outcome fee (\$3300) is paid to Job Services Australia providers if they organise/broker employment for Very Long Term Unemployed job seekers (61 months or more).