

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 4 - Employment

DEEWR Question No. EW0947_12

Senator Bernardi provided in writing.

Question

Employment Pathways Fund

- i. What is the total amount currently allocated against job seekers in the Employment Pathways Fund?
- ii. What is the average amount per job seeker?
- iii. What has been the total spend over the lifetime of this contract?
- iv. Is the Department monitoring whether any providers have almost depleted their accounts?

Answer

All data provided covers the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 November 2011.

- i. The total amount of Employment Pathway Fund (EPF) credits currently allocated to job seekers is \$214,770,210.
- ii. The average amount of EPF credits allocated per job seeker is \$312.
- iii. The total amount of EPF expenditure is \$933,143,045.
- iv. The Department takes a proactive role with supporting JSA providers with using their EPF appropriately and monitors EPF expenditure patterns.