

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

Job Seeker Workshops

1. How many Job seeker workshops have been held to date? 2. How many job seekers have attended? 3. What has been the cost of these workshops? 4. What is the budget for these workshops for the 2012-13 financial year? 5. What is the budget for these workshops for the 2013-14 financial year? 6. How is the success of these workshops being measured?

Answer

1. How many Job Seeker Workshops have been held to date?

Between 1 July 2012 and 31 December 2012, the Department of Human Services held 3191 Job Seeker Workshops.

2. How many job seekers have attended?

Between 1 July and 31 December 2012, 14 169 job seekers attended Job Seeker Workshops.

3. What has been the cost of these workshops?

For the period July to December 2012, the cost for the Department of Human Services' Workshop Facilitators and Workshop Support Staff, including corporate overheads, was \$3.68 million.

4. What is the budget for these workshops for the 2012-13 financial year?

The Department of Human Services' funding for Job Seeker Workshops for the 2012-13 financial year is \$7.35 million.

5. What is the budget for these workshops for the 2013-14 financial year?

The Department of Human Services' funding for Job Seeker Workshops for the 2013-14 financial year is \$7.42 million.

6. How is the success of these workshops being measured?

Job Seeker Workshops is administered by the Department of Human Services.

Job Seeker Workshops is one of the *Building Australia's Future Workforce* (BAFW) package measures. The overarching BAFW evaluation will look at the impact of the overall package on the individuals, families, services and industries that it is designed to affect. The focus will be very much on clients and stakeholders, and to a lesser extent on the individual programs that have been put in place. This evaluation will be complemented by individual evaluations of each measure within the BAFW package.