

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

2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING – 2 and 3 JUNE 2003

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome: 1 An effectively functioning labour market

Output Group: 1.2 Labour market programme management and delivery

Output: 1.2.2 Employment Services

Question Number: W105-04

Question:

Senator Cherry asked in writing:

Under ESC3, will job seekers who fail to respond to an automated job match (via email, SMS message, or message bank), be subject to a possible breach?

Answer:

A job seeker will only receive information in this way if they nominate for these modes of communication to be used by their Job Network member. Otherwise, alerts will appear on a job seeker's personal page accessible through a Job Search Kiosk available in any Centrelink Service Centre or Job Network member site.

While job seekers will be strongly encouraged to respond to job match alerts there will be no penalty by way of a breach if a job seeker chooses not to respond to any specific job advertisement. Where job seekers over a period of time consistently demonstrate a failure to follow up on job opportunities it may result in a participation report being submitted by the Job Network member to Centrelink.