

**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

**Outputs:** 1.2.2 Employment Services

**Question Number:** W107-04

**Question:**

Senator John Cherry asked in writing:

Under the revised JSCI, what are the likely selection rates for immediate referral to customised assistance for disadvantaged groups, such as Indigenous job seekers, people with disabilities, and non-English Speaking Background job seekers?

**Answer:**

The JSCI is an objective measure of a job seeker's relative labour market disadvantage. It looks at a job seeker's individual circumstances. Membership in any one of the particular groups cited in the question does not automatically mean a job seeker requires early intervention.

The original modelling undertaken for the revised JSCI, indicated the likely selection rates for immediate referral to Intensive Support customised assistance for these groups would be: Indigenous job seekers (80%), people with disabilities (30%), and job seekers from a non-main English Speaking (high disadvantage) country of birth (17%). In comparison, approximately 10 per cent of job seekers overall are expected to be identified as highly disadvantaged.