

**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 Labour Market Programme Management and Delivery

Question Number: W134-04

Question:

Senator George Campbell asked at *Hansard* page 210:

Has DEWR in its survey material ascertained what percentage of job seekers have literacy and numeracy difficulties?

Answer:

The department has collected information on literacy and numeracy in a 2001 survey of Intensive Assistance participants. Of respondents who were still looking for work at the time of the survey, 2% reported that literacy and numeracy problems were a barrier to their employment.