

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 2

**Output Group:** 2.2 New Apprenticeships Access Programme (NAAP)

#### DEST Question No. E052\_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### Question:

- a) How many school leavers are on the New Apprenticeship Access programme? How many are estimated to go through this programme?
- b) Can you give us an age breakdown of the clients on the New Apprenticeship Access programme and how many are on income support?
- c) How many New Apprenticeships Access providers are also Job Network providers?
- d) How many New Apprenticeships Access providers are registered as New Apprenticeships Centres?
- e) What is the average cost per client in the New Apprenticeships Access Programme?

#### Answer:

- a) As at 30 June 2004, 739 school leavers (job seekers aged between 15 and 19 years of age) were participating in the New Apprenticeships Access Programme (NAAP). It is estimated that approximately 4,500 school leavers will participate in NAAP over the next two years.
- b) The table below provides an age breakdown of the clients participating in NAAP as at 30 June 2004 and how many of those are receiving income support.

<b>Age of job seekers at the time they commenced NAAP</b>	<b>Number of job seekers participating in NAAP as at 30 June 2004</b>	<b>Number of job seekers participating in NAAP as at 30 June 2004 who are receiving income support (data supplied by Centrelink)</b>
15-19	739	206
20-24	243	110
25-44	372	156
>44	212	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>1567</b>	<b>549</b>

- c) DEST contracts the management of NAAP programmes to 'brokers' who may sub-contract 'providers' to deliver NAAP services.

Three NAAP brokers and 11 NAAP providers are also Job Network members.

- d) One NAAP broker and 15 NAAP providers are registered, or a member of a consortium registered, as a New Apprenticeship Centre.
- e) Each year NAAP receives approximately \$10 million funding to assist approximately 4,250 job seekers. This results in an average cost of around \$2,350 per client.