

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)

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

What has been the success of the New Apprenticeships Access Programme in getting disadvantaged clients into apprenticeships? Break this down by state, region and age.

Answer:

New Apprenticeships Access Programme (NAAP)

The New Apprenticeships Access Programme (NAAP) provides eligible job seekers (including the long term unemployed, early school leavers, mature aged Australians, people with disabilities and Indigenous Australians) with pre-vocational training, support and assistance to obtain and maintain a New Apprenticeship or other employment, education or training outcome.

Since 1 July 2002, NAAP has provided 8,485 disadvantaged job seekers with a minimum of:

- 150 hours pre-vocational training, recognised under the Australian Quality Training Framework and linked to a New Apprenticeship pathway,
- 13 weeks intensive job search assistance, and
- where a participant is successfully placed, 13 weeks post placement support.

Each of these elements is tailored to assist individuals identify and overcome their barriers to employment. While the focus of the programme is to place participants in a New Apprenticeship, the programme also supports people into full-time and part-time employment, and further education or training. Only placements maintained for a minimum of 13 weeks are recognised as a payable outcome.

The tables below detail the success of the programme in supporting disadvantaged job seekers to achieve New Apprenticeships and other payable outcomes. The data is for job seekers who commenced the programme since 1 July 2002, and is current as at 30 June 2004.

Age of job seekers at the time they commenced NAAP	New Apprenticeship Payable Outcomes*	Total Payable outcomes **
15-19	28%	43%
20-24	21%	37%
25-44	19%	37%
>44	17%	35%

State/ Region	New Apprenticeship Payable Outcomes*	Total Payable outcomes **
NSW Metropolitan	26%	42%
NSW Non-Metropolitan	22%	36%
VIC Metropolitan	23%	42%
VIC Non-Metropolitan	26%	42%
QLD Metropolitan	20%	34%
QLD Non-Metropolitan	15%	30%
WA Metropolitan	36%	52%
WA Non-Metropolitan	32%	42%
SA Metropolitan	30%	45%
SA Non-Metropolitan	54%	57%
TAS Metropolitan	19%	40%
TAS Non-Metropolitan	14%	21%
ACT	17%	23%
NT	24%	63%

*A New Apprenticeship payable outcome is achieved when a participant obtains and sustains a New Apprenticeship/traineeship for more than 13 weeks

**Total payable outcomes include New Apprenticeship/traineeship payable outcomes, as well as full time employment, part time employment and further education/training placements that are obtained and sustained for more than 13 weeks.