

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

**2004-2005 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
31 MAY AND 1 JUNE 2004**

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: **W055-05**

Question:

Senator Webber asked: Can the department outline where the additional funding of \$4.6 million announced as part of the sugar reform in the 2004-2005 budget will be allocated in Outcome 1?

- a) Will all this funding be going only to the Job Network. If no, where else will it be going?
- b) On what will this \$4.6 million be spent? Provide a detailed breakdown.
- c) What type of assistance will be offered to industry workers?
- d) What level of training will be provided? Will it be nationally accredited?
- e) Will those affected by the reform be able to access assistance before they lose their jobs?
- f) How many workers are estimated to be assisted through this process?

Answer:

- a) No. Funding will also be spent on the development of industry strategies and on administration;
- b) The breakdown for the \$4.6 million is as follows:

Item	Amount \$ '000
Industry Strategies	1.710
Job Network services	1.600
Pilot to assist relocation	.200
Administration, includes systems enhancements, information, staffing and evaluation and monitoring	1.126
Total	4.636

- c)** Eligible participants will have immediate access to Intensive Support job search training or higher levels of assistance such as Intensive Support customised assistance if determined by the application of the Job Seeker Classification Instrument. In addition, there will be an additional amount of \$1000 to assist each eligible participant over and above the funds normally available from the Job Seeker Account.
- d)** The level of training provided will be determined by the Job Network member in conjunction with the eligible participant. It may be nationally accredited but not necessarily.
- e)** Yes
- f)** No formal estimates have been made of the number of workers to be assisted through this process. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry may be able to provide estimates to be assisted under the full programme.