

**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: W056-05

Question:

Senator Webber asked, provided in writing:

Can the department outline where the additional funding of –

- (a) \$8.1 million announced as part of the humanitarian program in the 2004-2005 budget, will be allocated in Outcome 1?
- (b) \$2.5 million announced as part of the non-humanitarian program in the 2004-2005 budget, will be allocated in Outcome 1?
- (c) Will all this funding be going only to the Job Network? If no, where else will it be going?
- (d) On what will this \$8.1 million be spent? Provide a detailed breakdown.
- (e) What checks will be made that the money is spent only on refugees and migrant job seekers?

Answer:

- (a) Job Network
- (b) Job Network
- (c) Yes, this funding will be going to Job Network only.
- (d) Based on their assessment of the individual job seeker's needs, Job Network members will spend the funds on direct delivery of employment services to their job seekers as well as: employment related training; meeting the costs of travel for attendance at interviews; the purchase of clothing and equipment required for the job seeker to take up a job, and a wide range of other assistance that will improve the job seeker's job prospects.
- (e) These checks will be undertaken through the Department's regular monitoring and reporting regime under the National Contract Management Framework.