

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

**2005-2006 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
30, 31 MAY and 3 JUNE 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output 1.2: Labour market programme management and delivery

Output 1.2.2: Employment Services

Question Number: W032-06

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Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 90:

What is the average ratio of places per 100 DSP recipients? What is an acceptable ratio: that is people ranked higher? Please provide the top five ESAs, the ranking, and the 30 that were provided with grants.

Answer:

The average ratio of open employment assistance places per 100 DSP recipients across Australia was 5.7:100 at the time the analysis for distributing additional places was conducted in January 2005.

The Department does not have a definition of “an acceptable ratio”. It is not possible to assess what ratio of open employment places per 100 DSP recipients would be desirable in the absence of detailed information about the work capacity and employment aspirations of all DSP recipients. This data is not readily available.

The five ESAs that had the highest ratio of places per 100 DSP recipients are:

- Murray Darling - NSW
- South East – SA
- Perth Central – WA
- Esperance – WA
- Karratha – WA

The average ratio of places per 100 DSP recipients for these five ESAs was 17.8:100.