

**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 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.1: Working age policy

Outputs 3.1.1: Working Age Policy and Legislation

Question Number: W141-06

Question:

Senator Wong provided in writing:

How many additional places will there be in the following programs for 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 arising from the Welfare to Work package and what will they cost each year:

- Open Employment Services (excludes Business Services);
- Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service;
- Personal Support Programme;
- Language, Literacy and Numeracy Programme;
- Job Network (including data for Intensive Support and Intensive Support Customised Assistance); and
- Work for the Dole.

Answer:

Service:	Estimated Number of Places			
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	3 Year Total
Open Employment Services	9,191	6,412	4,587	20,190
Vocational Rehabilitation	17,160	12,264	10,140	39,564
Work for the Dole	17,128	18,706	19,223	55,058
Job Network	80,581	100,531	42,710	223,822

Note: ¹ Slight discrepancies may occur between the sum of the three years and the total figure due to rounding.

The Personal Support Program provides assistance to people for up to two years and therefore the concept of annual places is not a meaningful measure. Over the period 2006-07 to 2008-09, the Welfare to Work package will provide additional funding to service a total of up to 30,000 extra participants (for all client groups) across those three years.

Service:	Estimated Programme Cost (\$m)			
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	3 Year Total
Open Employment Services	37.364	71.967	64.232	173.563
Vocational Rehabilitation	68.645	59.616	57.770	186.031
Personal Support Programme	21.068	23.895	21.041	66.005
Work for the Dole	32.326	36.714	38.150	107.190
Job Network	158.073	256.278	224.195	638.546

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² Wage assist has not been included in the estimated cost of Job Network services.

The Language, Literacy and Numeracy programme falls within the Education Science and Training portfolio.