

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

**2004-2005 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
30-31 MAY 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group: 1.2 Labour market programme management and delivery

Output: 1.2.2 Employment Services

Question Number: W164-06

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Senator Wong provided in writing:

Please provide a breakdown, according to the above characteristics, of the following outcomes for Intensive Support and Intensive Support Customised Assistance through 2004:

- (1) the % who were in full time (a) unsubsidised and (b) subsidised employment three months after leaving Customised Assistance
- (2) the same for part time employment
- (3) the % who attracted an (a) interim and (b) final outcome payment within 12 months after commencing Customised Assistance
- (4) the % of Intensive Support recipients generally who attracted an (a) interim and (b) final outcome payment through the year
- (5) the % of Intensive Support recipients who attracted an Intermediate (a) interim and (b) final outcome payment through the year.

Answer:

(1) and (2) Information relating to the labour market status of clients three months after leaving employment assistance programmes and services is collected through the department's Post Programme Monitoring (PPM) Survey. It is not possible to determine through the PPM survey whether the employment outcomes achieved are subsidised or not.

Outcomes for clients who exited the customised assistance component of Intensive Support in the period 1 October 2003 to 30 September 2004 and who achieved outcomes by 31 December 2004 are detailed in table 1.

While the customised assistance component of Intensive Support runs for 6 months, clients can participate in Intensive Support for longer periods. Therefore, outcomes

for Intensive Support are not yet available, as sufficient time has not elapsed for the outcomes of a representative group of Intensive Support participants to be obtained.

(3), (4) and (5) These data are not readily available. Available statistics show that at 30 June 2005, the end of the fourth six month Milestone period, the long term (13 week) job outcome rate for Intensive Support job seekers who had commenced by 31 March 2005 was over 30%. This outcome rate is continuing to increase and compares with a rate of around 20% at the same point in the previous contract period.

Table 1: Intensive Support customised assistance: Post assistance outcomes in the 12 months ending December 2004¹

Job seeker characteristics	Part-time employment (%)	Full-time employment (%)	Total employment (%)
Duration of unemployment			
<1 year	21.1	28.8	49.9
1-2 years	18.6	28.2	46.8
2 to 3 years	14.6	27.9	42.5
3 years plus	9.9	25.5	35.4
Age Group (years)			
15 to 20	19.1	24.9	44.1
21 to 24	19.6	27.6	47.1
25 to 34	18.7	26.9	45.5
35 to 49	15.3	29.3	44.6
50 or more	12.9	28.0	40.9
Gender			
Males	18.9	23.6	42.5
Females	12.7	34.5	47.1
Equity Groups²			
Disability	12.1	25.4	37.5
Indigenous	15.0	17.0	32.0
CALD ³	15.9	25.2	41.1
Sole Parents	11.2	40.0	51.2
Educational attainment			
Less than Year 10	12.6	22.7	35.3
Year 10 or 11	16.0	26.9	42.9
Year 12	19.1	30.8	50.0
Post Secondary	20.0	31.5	51.5
Unknown	14.6	24.6	39.1
State			
New South Wales	15.3	26.3	41.6
Victoria	17.0	26.6	43.6
Queensland	18.2	29.4	47.6
Western Australia	19.3	27.2	46.5
South Australia	15.9	29.5	45.4
Tasmania	13.0	32.0	45.0
Northern Territory	17.4	18.5	35.9
Australian Capital Territory	17.3	29.3	46.5
Disadvantage category			
Highly disadvantaged	12.4	23.9	36.3
Not highly disadvantaged	18.7	29.5	48.3
Allowance type			
Disability Support Pension	8.9	24.2	33.1
Total	16.6	27.6	44.2

1. Job seekers who left Intensive Support customised assistance placements between 1 October 2003 and 30 September 2004 and outcomes achieved by 31 December 2004.

2. Equity groups are not mutually exclusive.

3. People from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds from other than main English Speaking countries.

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Source: The Post Programme Monitoring Survey conducted three months after job seekers cease assistance