

**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 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group: 1.2 Labour market programme management and delivery

Outputs: 1.2.2 Employment Services

Question Number: W165-06

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Senator Wong provided in writing:

Please provide the overall expenditure on Job Seeker Accounts through 2004-2005 (broken down by funds spent during Customised Assistance and other):

- a. the proportion of Customised Assistance recipients who attracted Job Seeker Account expenditure
- b. the average Job Seeker Account expenditure by providers on those Intensive Support Customised Assistance recipients, broken down according to type of expenditure (e.g. vocational training, other education and training, wage subsidies, tools and equipment etc, additional interviews, other professional assistance, relocation, transport (eg fares), and other)
- c. data on primary outcomes for these job seekers broken down by type of Job Seeker Account expenditure (as above).

Answer:

- a. Eighty three percent of job seekers who participated in ISca during the 2004-2005 financial year (to 31 March 2005), were assisted under the Job Seeker Account while participating in ISca during that period.
- b. The following table provides the average Job Seeker Account expenditure for eligible job seekers who commenced in ISca and other Job Network assistance, broken down by expenditure category. The data is for Job Seeker Account expenditure committed or reimbursed through 2004-2005:

Expenditure Category	Average expenditure for those job seekers who received this type of assistance	
	ISca (\$)	other JN assistance (\$)
Clothing and Equipment	195	157
Employer Incentives	2,297	2,018
Fares, Petrol and Transport	214	149
Contacts	157	118
Professional Services	327	257
Relocation Assistance	459	446
Training	490	369
Other (not listed above)	212	179

- Job Network Members provide assistance to job seekers under Job Seeker Account on the basis of individual needs. Not all job seekers receive assistance from every category of the Job Seeker Account, and as such the expenditure in the table above cannot be summed.
- c. Job seekers may receive a range of assistance funded by the Job Seeker Account from multiple categories that contribute to individual job seekers gaining employment. It is not possible to determine the type of assistance or category which contributed to each job seeker's outcome within the timeframe required.