

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

**2006-2007 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
29TH AND 30TH MAY 2006
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.2: Labour market strategies

Output 3.2.2: Industry and labour supply strategies

Question Number: W015-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 54:

Employer demand strategy. In relation to the \$50 million funding, can the department advise how much has been spent or committed?

Answer:

The Employer Demand and Workplace Flexibility strategy has \$50m allocated over four years, commencing in financial year 2005 – 2006. As at 30 June 2006, \$11,620,551 has been spent.

| Element | Allocated | Spent |
|---|--------------|-------------|
| Targeted and improved industry and workplace flexibility strategies (\$12.1m) | \$12,100,000 | \$4,067,630 |
| Training for employers to effectively manage an ageing workforce (\$2.0m) | \$2,000,000 | \$310,000 |
| Strategies to increase demand for workers with disabilities by increasing employers' willingness and capacity to employ people with disabilities (includes \$25.4m for Workplace Modifications and \$4.8m for Wage Subsidy Scheme for people with a disability) | \$35,600,000 | \$7,042,921 |
| Corporate Overheads | \$500,000 | \$200,000 |