

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

**2007-2008 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
28 and 29 MAY 2007**

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: W219-08

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing: **Job Network** What are the most prevalent factors and disadvantages amongst the highly disadvantaged population? And what percentage has reported disability, in particular mental health issues?

Answer:

Job seekers are identified as highly disadvantaged on the basis of an overall score in the Job Seeker Classification Instrument which measures 19 job seeker characteristics and multiple sub-categories which, taken together, may contribute to relative labour market disadvantaged. The requested information as to which particular factors are most prevalent among Job Network highly disadvantaged job seekers and the disabilities, in particular mental health conditions, reported by Job Network highly disadvantaged job seekers is not readily ascertainable, and to provide the requested answer would require an unreasonable diversion of departmental/portfolio resources.

Estimated cost: Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 3.5 hours at an estimated cost of \$70.