

**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: W231-08

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Can DEWR provide separately the amount from the Job Seeker Account spent on wage subsidies and the amount spent on training since 1 June 2006 both in dollar terms and as a proportion of all money paid from the Job Seeker Account? Please also provide details of the varying lengths of wage subsidy payments as a percentage of overall expenditure (Eg, two weeks wage subsidy represent 5% of the total expenditure). Please also outline (i) % of wage subsidy, (ii) duration of wage subsidy.

Answer:

In the period 1 June 2006 until 31 March 2007, Job Network members claimed reimbursement from the Job Seeker Account of \$47 million for wage subsidies, representing 33% of Job Seeker Account reimbursements in this period.

In the period 1 June 2006 until 31 March 2007, Job Network members claimed reimbursement from the Job Seeker Account of \$36 million for training, representing 25% of Job Seeker Account reimbursements in this period

The duration of wage subsidies as a percentage of overall expenditure, and associated questions (i) and (ii), are not readily ascertainable, and to provide the requested answers would require an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

Estimated cost: Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 3 hours at an estimated cost of \$60.

