

**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: W248-08

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing: Vocational Rehabilitation Services. What is the average cost per participant? What is the average duration in VRS per participant?

Answer:

The average cost per participant is not calculated for this programme. An accurate average cost per participant is dependent upon a number of variables including numbers in service, outcome rates, and the length of assistance. All these variables change depending on the circumstances of the individual job seeker and the overall caseload changes at any point in time.

For the financial year to 31 March 2007 the average duration in the programme was 10.5 months per participant.

Estimated cost: Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 4 hours at an estimated cost of \$80.00.