

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

2007-2008 BUDGET 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: **W250-08**

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

(a) How many participants forecast for 2007-08 and the forward estimates? **(b)** What is the average per participant? **(c)** What is the average duration per participant? **(d)** Please provide the fees/payments structure for Green Corps.

Answer:

(a) Part D Specific Conditions for Green Corps of the Employment Services Funding Deed 2006 – 2009 (the Deed) contracts service providers to fill 1,740 contracted placements in 2007-08. The Government does not make forward estimates publicly available.

(b) In 2006-07 the Participant Allowance payable per person was \$283.00 per week for 26 weeks. The department is not able to provide information on administration fees paid to individual providers. It is inappropriate to provide this information as disclosure may harm the business affairs of an organisation.

(c) Each Green Corps project runs for 26 weeks. The average duration per participant for the financial year 2006–07 is currently 19.3 weeks.

(d) There are two types of payment under the Green Corps programme – a Participant Allowance and an Administration Payment.

- The Participant Allowance is paid to providers at the start of each project round and is based on the number of participants and an assumed utilisation rate of 90%. These monies are fully acquitted. The Participant Allowance is currently \$283.00 per week, increasing to \$291.00 per week in 2007–08 and \$300.00 per week in 2008–09.
- The Administration Payment is the amount tendered by providers in the Employment Services purchasing process and is an amount per contracted placement. It is paid in instalments in July and January of each financial year.

Estimated cost: Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 4.3 hours at an estimated cost of \$80.40.