

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome 7

DEEWR Question No. EW267_09

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Job Seeker Account

- i) What percentage of the job seekers in Job Network are eligible to access funding from the Job Seeker Account?
- ii) What has been the average expenditure per job seeker from the Job Seeker Account over the last 12 months?
- iii) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of how many job seekers of the current Job Network caseload have used Job Seeker Account funding?

Answer

- i) Approximately 79% of the job seekers on the Job Network active caseload at 30 May 2008 were eligible for some form of assistance through the Job Seeker Account.
- ii) The average expenditure per job seeker assisted through the Job Seeker Account for the period 1 June 2007 to 30 May 2008 was approximately \$634.
- iii) Approximately 300 500 job seekers who were on the Job Network active caseload at 30 May 2008 had received some form of assistance through the Job Seeker Account.