

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome 8

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Senator Abetz provided in writing on 17 June 2008

Question

Employment Services Review

- i) What percentage of job seekers currently being serviced by the Job Network under ESC3 would be considered 'work ready'? Of these, what percentage finds employment within three months?
- ii) Have the predictions around the 'streaming' for the new model been based on the current ESC3 contract? If so, was it done from a 'one off' point in time snapshot of the current caseload or compiled from on-going data? If from on-going data, over what time frame and can this information be provided?
- iii) If job seekers have not found employment within three months they are set to undertake an approved 'intensive activity'.
- iv) What is classified as an 'intensive activity'?
- v) Will these activities be funded separately by the Department or will the provider be required to fund these from the service fees?
- vi) Will JSSO job seekers be eligible for the same Servicing fees?

Answer

- i) The Job Network does not have a 'work ready' denotation. However approximately 90% of job seekers entering Job Network under ESC3 are not highly disadvantaged. Of the non-highly disadvantaged job seekers approximately 26 per cent exit Job Network within the first three months.
- ii) The predictions have been based on recent data, all of which relates to the current suite of employment services. Depending on the context and availability of data, some parts of the modelling were based on snapshots of data, while other parts on ongoing data. Of the ongoing data, multiple timeframes were used again depending on context and availability of data. Modelling data has been released and is available from www.workplace.gov.au.
- iii) & iv) Section 2.8.2.3 on page 21-22 of the Request for Tender, available at www.tenders.gov.au, provides details on intensive activities.
- v) Section 2.8.2.3 on page 21-22 of the Request for Tender, available at www.tenders.gov.au, provides details on the funding of intensive activities.
- vi) Both the Job Search Support Only service fee under the current employment services contract and Stream 1 (Limited) service fee for the initial contact under the new employment services contract is \$63.