

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome 7

DEEWR Question No. EW282_09

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

- i.) In the last six months how many job seekers have had an 8 week non payment period applied?
- ii.) Of the job seekers who did undergo an 8 week non-payment period, how many sought financial case management?
- iii.) How many Job Network agencies currently offer the entire suite of programs that they would be required to offer under ESC4?

Answer

- i.) There were 15 990 job seekers who received an eight week non-payment period between 1 December 2007 and 31 May 2008.
- ii.) All job seekers who incur an eight week non-payment period are assessed for financial case management eligibility.
Of those assessed as eligible between 1 December 2007 and 31 May 2008, 800 job seekers have accepted the offer and received financial case management.
- iii.) The proposed new employment services system will replace seven existing services currently being delivered under separate contracts. No employment services providers currently deliver the entire suite of services that will be required to be offered from 1 July 2009.