

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10**

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Senator Cash asked on 1 June 2009, DEWR Hansard page 58.

Question

In the last 12 months what is the number of job seekers who were assisted with training through the job seeker account?

How many referrals have been made by Job Network members, to date, to the productivity places program?

How many successful employment outcomes have resulted from a job seekers referral to the productivity places program?

Answer

In the last 12 months, ending 30 June 2009, there were 114,608 job seekers assisted with training through the Job Network Job Seeker Account.

In the period from April 2008 to the end of June 2009 there were 94 263 job seekers referred to the Productivity Places Program by employment service providers. Of these, 5 975 participants have had an employment outcome after referral to the Productivity Places Program.

It should be noted that job seekers referred to the Productivity Places Program in the latter part of this period would not have had sufficient time to undertake training and to achieve an employment outcome of 13 or 26 weeks of employment by June 2009. Therefore, these numbers cannot be used to calculate the proportion of Productivity Place Program job seeker participants who will subsequently find employment once sufficient time has elapsed.