

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Abetz asked on 31/05/2011, Hansard page 38.

Question

Employment Pathway Fund Expenditure

Senator ABETZ: If you can provide that to me on notice. What is the total expenditure to date on the Employment Pathway Fund for this financial year? Ms Parker: We can get it for the financial year. All our figures today are for the lengths of the contracts.

Senator ABETZ: You can provide us the figures for the financial year and then provide us with a comparison for the last financial year. ... Ms Paul: While my colleagues are looking for that, when we give to you on notice the expenditure on EPF over the life of the contract, year-on-year, what you will see is a ramping-up. The reason is that the Employment Pathway Fund was new. Senator ABETZ: If you can provide that to me on notice. What is the total expenditure to date on the Employment Pathway Fund for this financial year?

Answer

The Employment Pathway Fund (EPF) is available to Job Services Australia providers to assist job seekers overcome their vocational and non-vocational barriers to employment.

EPF expenditure is as follows:

| EPF Expenditure | 2009-10 | 2010-11 (to 31 March 2011) |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| | \$308,419,244 | \$346,631,143 |