

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
2 and 3 NOVEMBER 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.2: Labour Market Strategies

Output 3.2.2: Industry and labour supply strategies

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Question:

Senator Siewert asked in writing:

What are your projections for the numbers of new jobs being created that will be accessible by those with these education and skill levels, and what programs or schemes are in place to create these jobs?

Answer:

According to the DEWR publication, *Australian Jobs 2005*, over the five years to 2009–10, *Property and Business Services* and *Health and Community Services* are expected to experience the largest jobs growth. These industries are expected to increase their employment by 2.7% and 2.8% per annum respectively. This suggests that on average, more than 30 000 new jobs will be created in each of these industries every year for the next five years. Large numbers of new jobs are also expected to be created in *Retail Trade*—1.9% growth per annum or almost 30 000 jobs, followed by *Construction*—13 700 new jobs per year, and *Accommodation, Cafés and Restaurants*—11 700. These five industries are expected to provide more than 80% of Australia's new jobs over the next five years.

The Government has made \$6.8 million over three years available as small grant funding to employers and industry associations in labour shortage high growth industries such as these, to develop innovative recruitment, employment and retention strategies to increase the participation in the workforce of people with a disability as well as parents, mature aged (people aged 50 years and older) and the very long term unemployed.

Complementing this, Australian Government employment services are able to provide individual training and support to people with disabilities to assist them gain and retain employment.