SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING 2ND NOVEMBER 2006 EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group 1.2: Labour market programme management and delivery

Output 1.2.2: Employment Services

Question Number: W1012-07

Ouestion:

Senator Wong asked in writing: <u>Job Capacity Assessments</u> What is the average time between referral by a Job Capacity Assessment to, and commencement in (a) Job Network? (b) disability Employment Network? (c) Vocational Rehabilitation Services? (d) personal Support program? (e) Job placement, Education and Training? (f) other services?

Answer:

(a) Job network?

Of those job seekers not already in job Network at the time of referral, the average referral time is 5 days.

(b) Disability Employment Network?

For participants who received their initial referral to DEN from a Job Capacity Assessor (JCA) and commenced in DEN between 1 July 2006 and 30 September 2006, the time recorded in DEWR's information technology system from completion of the JCA to commencement into DEN assistance was:

- an average of 16 days in the Capped stream, with a median of 13 days; and
- an average of 14 days in the Uncapped stream, with a median of 11 days.

(c) Vocational Rehabilitation Services?

The average time from a Job Capacity Assessment referral to commencement in Vocational Rehabilitation Services, at 31 October 2006, is 10 days.

(d) Personal Support Programme?

As at late November 2006, the average time elapsed between a Job Capacity Assessment that refers a person to the Personal Support Programme and their commencement in the programme is 48 days.

(e) Job Placement, Education and Training?

The requested information is not readily ascertainable, and to provide the requested answer would require an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.