SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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

OUESTIONS 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: W893-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

How do you account for the major increase in numbers of participants as compared with the target?

Answer:

The increase in the number of participants as compared to the target can be attributed to: an increased efficiency of job seeker referrals due to the maturing of the Job Network member referral model after Employment Services Contract 3; the streamlining of the process of reconnecting job seekers after Participation Reports or exemptions; and an increased focus on the timely placement of job seekers into Work for the Dole activities.