

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

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
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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: W911-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Payment to Voluntary Work Agencies – Please explain how training works, what qualification is provided and how much this costs.

Answer:

The Voluntary Work Initiative is a contracted service providing information, interviews, referrals, matching, placement, promotion services and support to income support recipients who wish to do voluntary work in suitable positions in approved organisations. The programme also provides volunteer management support services to not-for profit organisations approved for voluntary work and assists these organisations identify potential voluntary work positions for income support recipients within their organisations.

The contract for the delivery of the Voluntary Work Initiative includes a provision where larger State and Territory centres, for example, Volunteering Queensland and Volunteering NSW, receive training funding. This funding is not for participants, rather being used to train those people who will be managing volunteers.

For these reasons, this question is not applicable to the Payment to Voluntary Work Agencies.