

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Question

JOB SEEKERS

In the last Estimates it was stated that the previous scheme was not a cost-effective way to fill jobs. Given that this scheme provides considerably more funding per person is this scheme also not cost effective?

Answer

The evaluation of the previous pilots found that many of the participants, who were only required to have been unemployed for four months, would have found employment without moving. This was a key factor in impacting on the cost effectiveness of these pilots.

The new relocation trial will target long term unemployed (12 month plus) jobseekers living in areas of high unemployment to move to a new job. The fact that they have been unable to find employment in their home location for more than 12 months suggests that there would be benefit in assisting them to relocate to a job elsewhere.