

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

EMPLOYMENT PATHWAY FUND

How many job seekers have expressed an interest in taking advantage of this scheme? Have any relocated to date? Is the funding being administered from the Employment Pathways Fund? If so, will the Employment Pathways Fund be topped up to ensure providers do not have to 'short change' other job seekers in order to fund \$6000 for some to relocate?

Answer

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has had several inquiries from the general public indicating their interest in the relocation election commitment - Connecting People with Jobs Trial. No job seekers have been assisted yet through the Connecting People with Jobs Trial as it will be commencing from 1 January 2011.

The Connecting People with Jobs Trial will be administered through the Employment Pathway Fund. Job Services Australia provider general Employment Pathway Funds will not be impacted unless JSA providers choose to provide further assistance over and above the amount available through the relocation.