

**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 Nash provided in writing.

Question

EXPERIENCE PLUS TRAINING GRANTS

i. How Many Experience Plus training grants for workers over 55 have been taken up by employers so far? ii. How are Experience Plus training grants being advertised? iii. What is the advertising budget for the Experience Plus program iv. How many workers are expected to take up Experience Plus training? v. Under the Experience Plus program, what is deemed a "suitable course"?

Answer

i. At the end of October 2010, 38 workers have been approved and 32 workers were still being assessed.

ii. Advertising includes strong use of 'Influencer' organisations (that is, organisations that represent the interests of employers and mature age workers including Registered Training Organisations, industry groups, career advisers). Activities include or will include:

- publication of articles in newsletters or e-alerts sent out by 'Influencer' organisations
- news items on relevant websites
- promotion through relevant conferences
- promotion through Keep Australia Working Jobs and Skills Expos
- use of editorial space in industry and regional media

iii. There is no specific advertising budget for Experience+.

iv. Up to 2000 workers are likely to commence training through Experience+ Training, over four years.

v. The course must be at the Certificate III level or above and delivered in Australia by a Registered Training Organisation.