

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 4 - Employment

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Senator Bernardi asked on 19 October 2011, Hansard page 99

Question

Family Centred Employment Project

Senator BERNARDI: It is not just about doubling up. How many family members have gained employment? How many people have actually gained work, not so much the training and other stuff? I am interested in actual work. Are you able to tell me the average cost per family thus far? Dr Morehead: I will have to take that on notice.

Answer

The Family Centred Employment Project (FCEP) commenced in July 2010. A majority of FCEP clients are single parents. As at 31 August 2011, the Goodna project reported 20 parents had achieved employment outcomes, with one family in the project achieving employment outcomes for both parents in a two-parent family. The Broadmeadows project had 16 employment outcomes for the same period, with three families achieving more than one employment outcome. The Mansfield Park project reported education and social outcomes only for the same period.

Funding for the FCEP is not based on a cost per client or cost per family model, but rather an allocation of funding to providers to deliver the program using new and innovative service delivery models which assist those most disadvantaged in the community. The answer to EW0778_12 provides further details on funding for FCEP.