

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Human Services and agencies

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Topic: Core Department – Pre-vocational Assistance Participation Account

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SENATOR EVANS asked the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services, upon notice, on 26 May 2005, to provide a full breakdown of how the \$80.5 million allocated to the Department of Human Services in the budget for the pre-vocational assistance participation account will be spent.

Answer:

The pre-vocational assistance participation account will provide funding for the purchase of services to improve the range of options available to address participation barriers for Centrelink customers. Currently, there is funding for short term interventions. Most funding is directed towards mainstream, longer term programmes.

The Department of Human Services has started working through a process of determining the most appropriate sourcing strategy to deliver the pre-vocational assistance with effect from 1 July 2006.