

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 120

**Topic:** Homelessness expenditure

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**Senator Payne** asked:

What was the \$2.24 million of community legal centres directed towards? Could you also provide the same information for Personal Helpers and Mentors (\$10 million) and the Jobs Fund Get Communities Working (\$8 million).

**Answer:**

*Community Legal Centres (\$2.24 million)*

The 2010 Budget provided additional funding of \$2.24 million (over four years) to a number of Community Legal Centres through the Community Legal Services Program. This funding was specifically to enhance access to legal assistance for vulnerable and disadvantaged Australians experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, homelessness.

*Personal Helpers and Mentors (\$10 million)*

In the final rollout of Personal Helpers and Mentors under the 2006 COAG measure, 10 new services were funded in 2009–10 to specifically target vulnerable groups. Six of these were funded for a total of \$8.35 million to 30 June 2012 to target the homeless. In addition, 17 existing services were expanded to specifically target vulnerable groups. Four of these received expansion funding totalling \$1.67 million to 30 June 2012 to target the homeless.

*Jobs Fund - Get Communities Working and Local Jobs Streams (\$8 million)*

Nine Jobs Fund projects, funded for a total of \$8 million from 2009-10 to 2011-12, had a specific focus on targeting people who were homeless or at risk of homelessness, among other disadvantaged groups. These nine projects provided 393 jobs, 66 traineeships/ apprenticeships and 103 work experience placements.