

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: **Efficient and effective labour market assistance**

Output Group 1.2: **Labour market programme management and delivery**

Output 1.2.2: **Employment services**

Question Number: **W044-06**

Question:

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 6:

In regard to Job Search Kiosks, could you also give me the information about the visual impairment software that you described.

Answer:

Job Network members use a range of software to assist vision impaired job seekers including:

JAWS - JAWS® for Windows works on a PC to provide access to software applications and the Internet. The software speech synthesizer reads aloud information from the screen, providing technology to access a wide variety of information, education and job related applications.

ZoomText - Provides magnification of up to 16 times, it enlarges and enhances everything on the screen. It also clarifies and sharpens text at all magnification levels, as well as making it easy to find the mouse pointer and text cursor.

BigShot - Is a program that allows up to two times magnification of a computer screen.

Dragon NaturallySpeaking - Is a speech recognition program that converts speech to text and allows users to complete complex tasks with a word or phrase. Users can speak to their computer naturally to compose emails and other word documents.