

Building Australia's Future Workforce (BAFW) Place-based Measures

Lead Agency	Measure	Start date	Duration (yrs)	Budget (\$m)	Short description of measure	Evaluation
Place-based Measures						
Employment	Regional Education, Skills and Jobs (RES.J) Plans	Jul-11	3	\$19.1 m	Involves the deployment of 34 Regional Education Skills and Jobs (RES.J) coordinators to work with local stakeholders, including Regional Development Australia Committees to develop Regional Education Skills and Jobs Plans.	Evaluation is being undertaken within Employment. The evaluation is aimed at driving improvements, assessing impacts and identifying lessons learnt.
Human Services	Improved Services – Tailored Support for Job Seekers (Local Connections to Work)	Jul-11	4	\$19.5 m	Local Connections to Work (LCTW) assists long-term unemployed and disadvantaged youth overcome their barriers to employment.	The measure is subject to ongoing evaluation which will be aimed at driving improvements, assessing impacts and identifying lessons learnt.
Employment	Compulsory Participation Plans and Supports for Teenage Parents (Helping Young Parents – HYP)	Jan-12	3.5	\$47.1 m	The measure supports teenage parents in 10 disadvantaged locations to obtain a Year 12 or equivalent education and give their children the best start in life through early childhood, health and education interventions. Parents are eligible for the measure if they are on Parenting Payment, are 19 years or under, have a child aged under six years and do not have a Year 12 or equivalent qualification (at least Certificate II).	An impact evaluation is being undertaken by a dedicated evaluation team (outside of the policy area) in the Research Branch in Employment. The overall aim of this evaluation is to examine whether the trial has been an effective and efficient use of resources.
Employment	Compulsory Participation Requirements for Jobless Families – Targeted Locations (Supporting Jobless Families)	Jul-12	3	\$71.1 m	The measure supports parents in 10 disadvantaged locations to help prepare for their return to the workforce once their youngest child is school-age and ensuring their children are ready to commence school. Parents are eligible for the measure if they are on Parenting Payment, have a child aged under six years, are under 23 years of age and not working or studying, or have been on income support for two years or more and not working or studying.	An impact evaluation is being undertaken by a dedicated evaluation team (outside of the policy area) in the Research Branch in Employment. The overall aim of this evaluation is to examine whether the trial has been an effective and efficient use of resources.
Human Services	Community Innovation Through Collaboration (CITC)	Mar-12	4	\$35 m	Government Action Leaders (GALs) funded for \$6m over 4 years and Community Action Leaders (CALs) funded for \$7.2 m over 4 years supporting Local Advisory Groups (LAGs) to respond to local needs for disadvantaged groups in 10 Local Government Areas. A Local Solutions Fund (LSF) funding projects to increase social and economic participation, funded for \$21.79 m over 4 years including a national strategic component of \$6m	An external contractor (Grosvenor) has been engaged to collect baseline data and prepare a strategy for an effectiveness evaluation. To date, the baseline data has been collected and the evaluation strategy finalised.
Social Services	Targeted Locations – Income Management	Jul-12	5	\$117.5 m	Under voluntary and vulnerable income management, 50% of income support payments are set aside for spending on essential items. 70% of income support is set aside under child protection income management.	An external contractor (Deloitte Access Economics) has been engaged to undertake this evaluation. The evaluation strategy includes a longitudinal survey with clients over three years, interviews and focus groups in 2014 & 15.