

# Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

### Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000208

Senator Xenophon provided in writing.

Relates to previous Department of Employment Question No EMSQ15-000046

### Question

#### Employment Pathway Fund

In response to questions on notice from Additional Estimates 2014-2015, the Department advised that between 1 July 2009 to 28 February 2015 a total of \$854.2m was paid from the Employment Pathway Fund on training with respect to 839,635 job seekers.

1. How many different courses did job seekers participate in during this period?
2. Can a list of all courses these job seekers participated in be provided?
3. How many different training providers were utilised to deliver the training?
4. Of these job seekers, how many reported they obtained employment following participating in training?

### Answer

- Q1. Since 1 July 2012, the department has been able to identify the number of job seekers who have participated in different types of training funded through the Employment Pathway Fund (EPF), as shown in Attachment A. It is important to note that from 1 July 2015, under jobactive, all training reimbursed from the new Employment Fund must be either accredited or directly required by an employer.
- Q2, Q3. Administrative system limitations prevent the department from accurately providing the unique number and names of training courses that were funded through the EPF or associated training course providers.
- Q4. The Labour Market Assistance Outcome report for December 2014 shows that 28.1 per cent of job seekers were employed after leaving vocational training courses (including those funded through the EPF).

Table 1: Job seekers assisted through Employment Pathway Fund funded Training Courses  
1 July 2012 - 28 February 2015

<b>Training type</b>	<b>Number of job seekers assisted through EPF**</b>
Certificate I	34,734
Certificate II	104,477
Certificate III	55,237
Certificate IV	16,466
Diploma	5,267
Advanced Diploma	453
Associate Degree	198
Bachelor Degree	295
Postgraduate Certificate	239
Postgraduate Diploma	32
Masters Degree	63
University (6 months / 1 semester left)	45
Accredited units	71,742
Primary school	22
Remote education programme	391
Secondary school	1,153
Vocational non-accredited training	136,376
Careers counselling	3,323
Cultural Services	6,632
Interpersonal skills	3,635
Other literacy and numeracy	2,279
Parenting course	596
Personal development	53,875
Employability skills	79,880
Training in job search techniques	176,095
<b>TOTAL ALL TRAINING*</b>	<b>488,980</b>

\*Includes a small number of job seekers who participated in training where the training type was not recorded in Departmental administrative systems.

\*\*The sum of the column does not equal the total shown as job seekers may have received EPF assistance through multiple training types.