

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-001032

Senator Marshall provided in writing.

Question

Administered Programs

Please provide an itemised table detailing the following information:

Every program administered by the department and all portfolio agencies within it

- a) The total funding allocated for each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15;
- b) The number of organisations funded under the program in each in those years, the name of each organisation funded and the dollar value of that funding
- c) The number of individuals projected to be serviced or services to be delivered through each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15;
- d) The total funding actually expended on each in 2015-16 and 2014-15;
- e) The number of individuals actually serviced or services actually delivered through each in 2015-16 and 2014-15;
- f) The aggregate staff budget for each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15 broken down by i) permanent APS staff and ii) contractors.
- g) The number of permanent APS staff responsible for delivering each in 2016-17; 2015-16 and 2014-15, the classification of these staff and their geographic location;
- h) The dollar value of external advice contracted to support each in 2016-17, as well as the number of contractors engaged, the APS-equivalent classification these contractors were engaged at and their geographic location.

Answer

a)

The Department has four Administered Programs as set out in the Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS).

Program 1.1 Employment Services
Program 2.1 Employee Assistance
Program 2.2 Workplace Assistance
Program 2.3 Worker's Compensation payments

Total funding allocated for each program in 2014–15, 2015–16 and 2016–17 can be found in the PBS for each year.

b)

Program 1.1 Employment Services

jobactive and the former Job Services Australia (JSA) accounts for approximately 92% of the expenditure in the Employment Services Program.

Information on organisations funded under Employment Services is at [Attachment A](#) for:

- ❖ jobactive and the former JSA, Empowering YOUth Initiatives, ParentsNext and Transition to Work programs.
- ❖ Approved employers under the Seasonal Workers Program are available at www.employment.gov.au.

Contracts valued at \$10,000 and over is available on the AusTender website at www.tenders.gov.au.

Grant information is published on the Department's website at www.employment.gov.au.

Program 2.1 Employee Assistance

Until 1 July 2016 the Fair Entitlements Guarantee (FEG) Program provided service fees to third party providers for distribution of approved payments. The Department commenced making payment directly to claimants from 1 July 2016.

The providers funded under FEG is at [Attachment B](#). Contracts valued at \$10,000 and over is available on the AusTender website at www.tenders.gov.au.

Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave) funding is managed by the Coal Mining Industry Corporation.

Program 2.2 Workplace Assistance

Payments under this program are made to the International Labour Organization (ILO) and payments for Protected Ballots Scheme are made to the Australian Electoral Commission.

Program 2.3 Worker's Compensation payments

Funding under this program is managed by Comcare.

c)

Program 1.1 Employment Services

The table below provides the number of individuals projected to be serviced or services to be delivered at Budget for each financial year each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15.

Program	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Employment Services	709,995	1,350,452 ¹	736,669

¹ includes job seekers who transitioned from Job Services Australia to jobactive.

Notes:

An individual job seeker may commence in Job Services Australia or jobactive more than once in a financial year.

Program 2.1 Employee Assistance

The below table provides the actual number claimants in 2014–15 and 2015–16 and the number of predicted claims for 2016-17.

Program	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Employee Assistance	18,849	14,337	17,112

d)

Actual expenditure for each program is published in the Department's annual reports for 2014–15 and 2015–16.

e)

Program 1.1 Employment Services

The table below provides the number of individuals actually serviced or services actually delivered in 2015-16 and 2014-15;

Program	2014-15 No. of Commencements	2014-15 No. of Unique Job Seekers	2015-16 No. of Commencements	2015-16 No. of Unique Job Seekers
Employment Services	561,397	551,698	1,332,192 ¹	1,126,350

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f)

The Portfolio Budget Statements provide a nominal estimate of total Average Staffing Level (ASL) by program which include a proportional attribution of Departmental executive management and corporate services. The actual ASL numbers, including the nominal attribution of executive and corporate services, are provided in the Department's annual report.

Expenditure for contractors is not attributed by program when it is recorded in the Department's financial information management system. To provide this information would require manual examination of financial records and invoices, which would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

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g)

Workforce statistics on permanent, classification level and geographic location for the Department as a whole are provided in the annual report. These statistics are not available by program.

h)

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