

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 1 and 2

**Output Group:** 1.2 Assistance for individuals including those with special needs

2.1 Funding for vocational education and training

2.3 Assistance for skills and career development

2.4 Funding for higher education

2.5 Assistance for post school students including those with special needs.

#### **DEST Question No. E988\_04**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

- a) Could the Department provide a list of all employment, education and training assistance programs targeted to jobless households and the forward estimates for each of these programs?
- b) Could the Department provide an update on each of the programs and explain how it operates in relation to the type of assistance provided to the target group?
- c) How many participants have gone through each program since its commencement?
- d) Can the Department provide an itemised breakdown of where the funding has gone eg: advertising costs, Centrelink staff, external service providers or organisations etc?
- e) Will there be funding continuing to these programs beyond 2004/2005? If not please outline the reasons why the programs will no longer be funded?
- f) What has been the progress of each program, including any employment outcomes (full time, part time and casual employment outcomes) by gender, equity, age and target group?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Jobless households*

- a) The Department of Education, Science and Training has no programme specifically targeted at jobless households. This is not a criterion used for assessing access to any DEST programme. Rather, access is based on an individual's needs and circumstances and not the household or family attributes of an individual.
- b) Not applicable: see above.
- c) Not applicable: see above.
- d) Not applicable: see above.
- e) Not applicable: see above.
- f) Not applicable: see above.