

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

**2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING  
19 FEBRUARY 2004**

**EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Outcome 1: An effectively functioning labour market**

**Output Group: 1.2 Labour Market Programme and Delivery**

**Output: 1.2.2 Employment Services**

**Question Number: W361-04**

**Question:**

Senator Campbell asked at *Hansard* page 6:

For the actual job seekers who have accessed the Job Seeker Account, what is the range of payments that have been paid out? What are the exact number of job seekers, in bands, in the various ranges?

**Answer:**

As at 28 February 2004, the total number of job seekers assisted through the Job Seeker Account is 147,070.

The cost of goods and services purchased using the Job Seeker Account ranges from \$1 to \$10,989.

Purchases of \$100 or less have been made for 55,191 job seekers. These purchases are for minor items such as fares, travel assistance and clothing.

Purchases of \$101-\$500 have been made for 64,606 job seekers.

Purchases of \$501 and over have been made for 27,273 job seekers.