

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

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

**EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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

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

**Output: 1.2.2        Employment Services**

**Question Number:    W369-04**

Senator Webber asked at *Hansard* page 19:

With reference to an article that appeared in the *Sunday Herald Sun* on 29 June concerning claimants contacted by the Federal Government to resubmit their resumes:

- (a) Were the figures quoted in the article correct for that period?
- (b) Of the 700,000/300,000 claimed to have been contacted, would they be deemed to be activity tested?
- (c) How many of the 84,000 mentioned in the article were actually on benefit and how many of there were deemed to be activity tested?

**Answer:**

- (a) The figures quoted in the article were approximate and related to a cumulative total number of Vocational Profile appointments scheduled for transition job seekers to week ending 20 June 2003. Transition job seekers are those job seekers who were actively registered for Job Network services as at 12 April 2003, as well as job seekers registering from 14 April to end June 2003.
- (b) The total number of job seekers contacted were those eligible for Job Network services and as such whether they were activity or non-activity tested is irrelevant.
- (c) The department did not undertake an analysis of the 84,000 to determine how many were on benefit and were activity tested.