

**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 management and delivery**

Output 1.2.2: **Employment services**

Question Number: **W376-04**

Question:

Senator Campbell asked at *Hansard* page 39:

Has the department undertaken any research on the impact of early assistance for retrenched workers in reducing unemployment, particularly long-term unemployment? If so, can a copy be provided?

Answer:

No, the department has not conducted any internal research on this matter.

Workers who become unemployed because of redundancy can register with Job Network for Job Search Support services immediately, or *full* Job Network services once they are registered with Centrelink and are in receipt of Newstart Allowance or other qualifying payment. Young people under 21 years who are not full-time students, can access full Job Network services regardless of receipt of income support .

Job seekers who are eligible for full Job Network services will, after three months unemployment, participate in Intensive Support services. However job seekers aged 50 years or more or Indigenous job seekers can access Intensive Support job search training immediately upon becoming eligible for full Job Network services. Intensive Support customised assistance services are immediately available to eligible job seekers identified by Centrelink as highly disadvantaged.