

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 4 - Employment

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Senator Bernardi provided in writing.

Question

Local Employment Coordinators

What has been the total cost to date of employing the 20 Local Employment Coordinators? Are any of these Coordinators eligible for bonuses, based on performance? How many participants are in the Family Centred Employment Project? How many participants in the Family Centred pilot have entered into work?

Answer

Local Employment Coordinators are engaged under Services Contracts to the department. Since the Priority Employment Area initiative commenced in April 2009, total expenditure as at 1 March 2012 under the Local Employment Coordinator Services Contracts has been \$10.2 million. The services contracts cover remuneration and all work expenses, for example travel, administrative costs and equipment.

Local Employment Coordinators are not eligible for bonuses.

As at 31 December 2011, the three Family Centred Employment Project providers had worked with 181 jobless families. Of these, 150 families, consisting of 558 family members including 100 children aged 0-5 years and 226 children aged 6-16 years, had formally commenced in the program and developed a Family Care Plan. Of the families where a Family Care Plan was in place, employment outcomes were achieved by 44 individuals from 41 families, including casual, temporary and part-time employment; while 28 individuals from 27 families achieved an Education Outcome and 104 individuals from 91 families achieved a Social Outcome, such as participating in voluntary work, attending community centre organised events and supporting parenting events.