

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 4 - Employment

DEEWR Question No. EW1028_12

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Employment Pathway Fund

Please provide average expenditures from the Employment Pathway Fund for each Stream and for the Work Experience Phase during 2010-11, broken down by expenditure type, and the same breakdowns for the number of job seekers assisted with funds drawn from the EPF.

Answer

Tailored servicing arrangements for individual job seekers means the data provided in this response does not represent the total Employment Pathway Fund notionally allocated to, or spent on, job seekers. Employment Pathway Fund credits are notionally attributed based on level of job seeker disadvantage and in most cases will increase in line with the amount of time an individual is in receipt of JSA services.

Table 1 contains data from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 showing average expenditure per job seeker assisted from the Employment Pathway Fund by service Stream and category noting that individual job seekers will usually have funding spent across multiple categories.

Table 2 contains data from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 showing average expenditure per transaction from the Employment Pathway Fund during the Work Experience Phase by category. The average expenditure per job seeker is unreliable as a measure of assistance during the Work Experience Phase given the level of group activity during this period.

The data reported in Table 1 and Table 2 is not mutually exclusive.

**Table 1 Average EPF expenditure per job seeker assisted by Stream & Category
1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011**

Individual job seekers will usually have funding spent across multiple categories.

Stream ¹	EPF Category ²	Average ³
Stream 1	Equipment, Tools & Clothing	\$90.52
	Job Seeker Support, Contact & Mentoring including Remote Services	\$73.40
	Other	\$118.82
	Pre-employment, Travel & Licensing Assistance	\$61.90
	Professional Services including Interpreters	\$106.64
	Self Employment & Wage Subsidy	\$1,467.35
	Training, Associated Books & Equipment	\$241.93
Stream 2	Equipment, Tools & Clothing	\$114.76
	Job Seeker Support, Contact & Mentoring including Remote Services	\$74.67
	Other	\$224.57
	Pre-employment, Travel & Licensing Assistance	\$101.05
	Professional Services including Interpreters	\$218.24
	Self Employment & Wage Subsidy	\$1,611.24
	Training, Associated Books & Equipment	\$316.19
Stream 3⁴	Equipment, Tools & Clothing	\$115.74
	Job Seeker Support, Contact & Mentoring including Remote Services	\$74.12
	Other	\$269.32
	Pre-employment, Travel & Licensing Assistance	\$103.97
	Professional Services including Interpreters	\$181.75
	Self Employment & Wage Subsidy	\$2,339.19
	Training, Associated Books & Equipment	\$369.83
Stream 4	Equipment, Tools & Clothing	\$115.68
	Job Seeker Support, Contact & Mentoring including Remote Services	\$91.66
	Other	\$248.73
	Pre-employment, Travel & Licensing Assistance	\$99.88
	Professional Services including Interpreters	\$191.83
	Self Employment & Wage Subsidy	\$2,649.86
	Stream Four Only Assistance	\$207.01
	Training, Associated Books & Equipment	\$354.50

¹ Some EPF expenditure is not recorded against individual job seekers and has not been attributed to the averages – this includes Work Experience Group Activities and bulk purchases

² The 'Other' category includes Other, Short Term Child Care Assistance and Special Claims

³ Job seekers with expenditure across multiple categories and or streams will be included in the calculations multiple times

⁴ Includes Labour Adjustment Packages

**Table 2 Average EPF expenditure per transaction during the WEPH by Category
1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011**

	EPF Category ⁵	Average per Transaction
During WE Phase	Equipment, Tools & Clothing	\$98.22
	Job Seeker Support, Contact & Mentoring including Remote Assistance	\$54.93
	Other	\$206.23
	Pre-employment, Travel & Licensing Assistance	\$83.47
	Professional Services including Interpreters	\$167.04
	Self Employment & Wage Subsidy	\$2,066.48
	Training, Associated Books & Equipment	\$311.33

⁵ The 'Other' category includes Other, Stream 4 Assistance, Short Term Child Care Assistance and Special Claims