

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

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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome: 1 An effectively functioning labour market

Output Group: 1.1 Labour market policy and analysis

Outputs: 1.1.1 Policy Advice

Question Number: W113-04

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Senator Webber asked at *Hansard* page 152:

How do the current methods of filling job vacancies compare with an ABS study conducted in the mid 1990s?

Answer:

The latest data on job search methods are from the ABS *Job Search Experience* publication (ABS Cat. No. 6222.0) for July 2002. According to these data, around 19.7 per cent of successful jobseekers (ie employed persons not in their own business who started their current job in the 12 months to July 2002) checked or registered with a Job Network employment agency during this time, 13.8 per cent looked at advertisements on touchscreens and 7.3 per cent answered an advertisement for a job on touchscreens. Around 56.9 per cent of successful job seekers applied in person to employers, 42.5 per cent looked at advertisements for jobs in newspapers, and 25.3 per cent contacted friends or relatives to find work.

These data are not directly comparable with earlier ABS data on job search experience (*Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience* (ABS Cat. No. 6245.0)) which used a different methodology. In 1994 around 7.0 per cent of persons surveyed indicated they found their job through facilities provided by the CES while 0.6 per cent found their job through an employment agency.