

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

**2005-2006 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
30 ,31 MAY and 3 JUNE 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group: Labour Market Programme Management and Delivery

Outputs: 1.2.2 Employment Services

Question Number: W147-06

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

(a) What proportion of (a) all people undertaking the Job Seeker Classification Instrument (JSCI) and (b) Intensive Support recipients are currently classified as Highly Disadvantaged under the JSCI?

(b) What proportion of (a) all participants and (b) Intensive Support participants are projected to be classified as Highly Disadvantaged under the Job Seeker Classification Instrument (JSCI) under the new arrangements?

Answer:

a) The proportion of all job seekers undertaking the Job Seeker Classification Instrument (JSCI) that were identified by the JSCI as Highly Disadvantaged is around 17 per cent (average for calendar year 2004).

The proportion of Intensive Support participants identified as Highly Disadvantaged at their initial Intensive Support commencement was around 25 per cent (average for calendar year 2004).

b) Access to Job Network remains demand driven. Highly Disadvantaged status will, as now, be based on individual assessed need, taking into account personal characteristics and local labour market conditions. There is no cap or fixed limit on the number of job seekers able to get Highly Disadvantaged status if they need it.