

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

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

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Abetz asked on 31/05/2011, Hansard page 44.

Question

Jobs Fund - Numbers Of People Employed

Senator ABETZ: All right. If you can take it on notice that we have had, what, three-quarters of a million dollars spent. Are we able to be told how many people were employed? Ms Paul: Probably yes. They have been reporting to us on jobs. Ms Parker: We can do it at the total jobs fund level, as well, but— Senator ABETZ: Which is? Ms Parker: For jobs by 30 June 2011—I will give you up to 29 April 2011—created-retained jobs are 7,586. Senator ABETZ: Is that for the whole scheme? Ms Parker: That is for the whole jobs fund, yes. That is right. Senator ABETZ: I was going to say she is one big multicultural youth service. Senator Chris Evans: The officers do not have the particular details of the centre, but we will take it on notice for you. Senator ABETZ: Can you provide us, then, on notice the total fund, please. Ms Paul: Yes.

Answer

Bankstown Multicultural Youth Service was funded for \$786122 under the Get Communities Working stream of the Jobs Fund to expand an existing pilot café and catering social enterprise into a business providing accredited training and jobs to local young unemployed and unskilled people.

The funding was used for premises' rent and fit out as well as to fund wages and training in hospitality for the project's employees and participants.

As at 17 June 2011, the project has created 73 jobs and 32 work experience opportunities. In line with its original objectives, the project will continue to operate after 30 June 2011 as a catering business and training venue for disadvantaged youth.