

**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 pages44-45.**

**Question**

**Jobs Fund - Completion Dates and Jobs, Traineeships and Work Experience Places Created From Round 1 and 2 Projects**

Senator ABETZ: Can you provide us, then, on notice the total fund, please.

... Senator ABETZ: With all the individual projects, how many of them are there, do we think? Ms Paul: I think the projects are on our website but, at any rate, we will—

Senator ABETZ: Can you provide that, and the amount of funding provided to each one. Ms Paul: Yes, that is fine. Senator ABETZ: And whether they are anticipated to continue after their funding runs out. Ms Paul: We may not know for all of them, but we will do our best. Senator ABETZ: If you could, that would be good. Thank you. Is it correct that funding for the jobs fund has been extended by 12 months?

... Senator ABETZ: In that table, then, can you provide us, with an asterisk, those 20, and how much.

... Senator ABETZ: In fact, that is an issue that I want to canvass, and that is how many were delayed—I assume not courtesy of the department's fault, but because of getting a development application or a zoning, which I assume would be either state or local government red tape, if I can use that term, not too pejoratively. Can you let us know which ones were so delayed.

... Senator ABETZ: That is the way it seems to happen in this country, isn't it? On that list you will provide us with the list of each of the individual completion dates as well, thank you. If you can, tell us whether any of those that have been extended were part of the original round 1 applications of September 2009. Then, from the chart you are going to give me, I will be able to tell how many jobs were created in total. Are you able to also then tell us how many traineeships— Ms Paul: Yes. Senator ABETZ: And how many work experience places and how many jobs have been created from the round 1 and round 2 projects. That would all be good.

**Answer**

Jobs Fund projects approved under Round 1 and 2 were provided with around \$147 million in funding by 30 June 2011.

As at 30 June 2011, Jobs Fund projects created and/or retained 8,987 jobs, 2,374 apprenticeships/traineeships and 4,874 work experience opportunities with final reports from providers/contractors and final outcomes continuing to be received by the Department.

The information about project funding paid to 30 June 2011, completion dates, reasons for delay and anticipated continuation after the end of program funding is detailed in Attachment A.