

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 3 – Employment

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Senator Nash provided in writing.

Question

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(1) What criteria will the department use to identify the 10,000 employers who will receive the \$1000 bonus for hiring a mature age worker for three months? (2) What criteria is currently used to identify “Corporate Champions? (3) Can the department provide a list of prior recipients of the Corporate Champions program?

Answer

(1) Jobs Bonus Criteria for employers

Employers will not be identified, but will become eligible having meet the following conditions: Job seekers must be at least 50 years of age at the commencement of employment. The employment must commence on or after 1 July 2012 and must be ongoing. The job seeker must be unemployed and registered with a Jobs Service Australia provider and not receiving any other wage support. The Jobs Bonus will be paid after the job seeker has been employed for at least 13 weeks and suitable proof of employment over that period has been provided.

(2) Identifying Corporate Champions

Employers can express interest in joining the Corporate Champions program by contacting the Department via email CorporateChampions@deewr.gov.au. To become a Corporate Champion, employers must make a public commitment to improving their recruitment and retention policies and practices for mature age job seekers and workers.

(3) List of Corporate Champions as at 22 June 2012

There are currently 18 companies participating in the Corporate Champions pilot.

1	AECOM
2	PWB Anchor
3	FMP Group (Bendix)
4	Lumo Energy
5	Essential Energy
6	Commonwealth Bank
7	Catholic Homes
8	Invocare
9	Vic Roads
10	IBM Australia
11	Austin Health
12	Suncorp
13	NAB
14	Anglicare NSW
15	Ballarat Health Services
16	pitt&sherry
17	Teys Lawyers
18	Westpac