

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

**2003-2004 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING
6 NOVEMBER**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: **An effectively functioning labour market**

Output Group 1.2: **Labour market programme management and delivery**

Output 1.2.2: **Employment Services**

Question Number: **W258 - 04**

Question:

Senator Campbell asked in writing:

Could the Department provide the areas targeted in bringing forward the long term unemployed?

Answer:

In the early days of the Active Participation Model, the Department closely examined the impact of the transition on Job Network members. To ensure there was a consistent flow of job seekers into Intensive Support customised assistance, some adjustments to the flow of people into this service stream were made based on the labour market characteristics of particular areas. This had the effect of bringing long term unemployed, amongst others, who were always eligible for Intensive Support customised assistance, into the service earlier than might have otherwise been the case.

Providers were examined on a case by case basis, with particular focus being given to Job Network members:

- specialising in a particular group of job seekers, such as Indigenous people or people with a disability;
- establishing new sites; or
- operating in rural or remote areas such as the Employment Services Areas of Esperance, Goldfields, Mid West & Gascoyne (Western Australia), Alice Springs, Katherine, Tennant Creek (Northern Territory), Cairns, Mt Isa, Emerald, Townsville, Torres Strait, Western Downs (Queensland), Port Augusta, Murraylands (South Australia) and Far West NSW and Gwydir Namoi (NSW).