

**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 1.1: Labour Market Policy and Advice

Outputs 1.1.1: Policy Advice

Question Number: W293-04

Question:

Senator Webber asked in writing:

Given that they spent three years and \$20 million doing the same thing is there not a degree of reinventing the wheel? What is the timeframe for outcomes?

Answer:

No.

The workshops were not outcomes based. However, an independent evaluation of the workshops proved them to be extremely successful with around 90 per cent of participants stating that they found them very or quite useful. More importantly, an independent post programme follow up with a sample of participants showed that 83 per cent would change their approach to job search in the future as a result of the information provided at the workshops.