

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

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

Outcome 3 – Employment

DEEWR Question No. EW0570_13

Senator Sinodinos provided in writing.

Question

Employment Pathways Fund

What has been the total expenditure to date from the Employment Pathways Fund?
Can the Department provide a breakdown on what the funding has gone on?

Answer

From 1 July 2009 to 31 August 2012, the total Employment Pathway Fund (EPF) expenditure was \$1,186,763,782.

Table 1 EPF expenditure on eligible job seekers by Group Category for the period 1 July 2009 to 31 August 2012.

EPF Group Category Description	EPF Expenditure
Training, Associated Books & Equipment	\$411,343,653
Wage Subsidy	\$248,867,605
Job Seeker Support, Contact & Mentoring	\$154,234,834
Professional Services including Interpreters, Medical and Counselling Services	\$99,186,952
Equipment, Tools & Clothing	\$78,696,031
Pre-employment, Travel & Licensing Assistance	\$77,323,579
Work experience group based activities	\$68,229,287
Other*	\$48,881,841
Total	\$1,186,763,782

* The category of 'Other' includes the following EPF categories - Special Claims, Short Term Child Care Assistance, Relocation Assistance and Stream four only assistance.