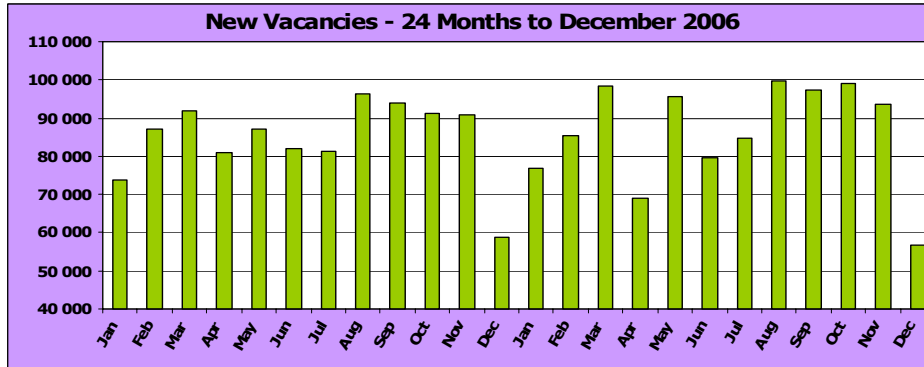
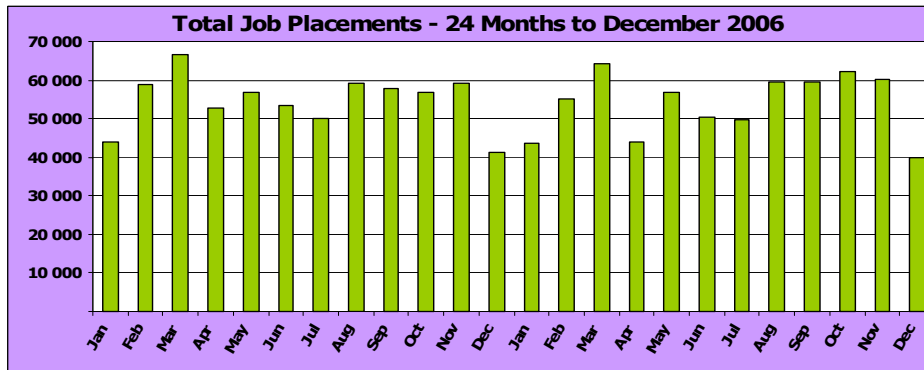


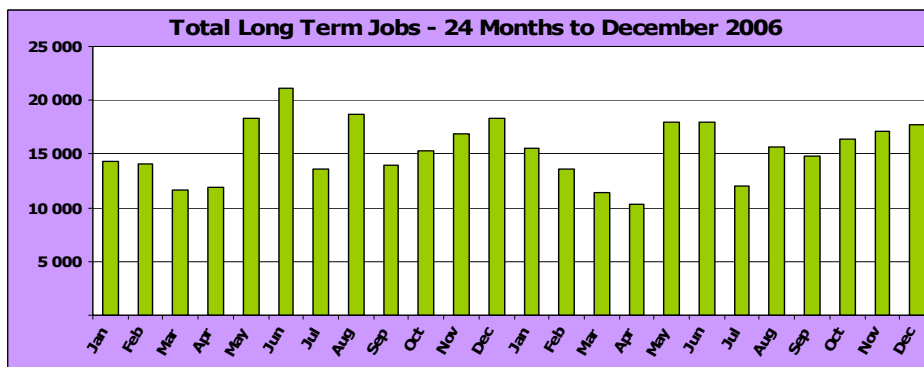
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- During the 12 months to end December 2006, over 1 035 000 new vacancies were lodged on the national vacancy database - an increase of 2 per cent on the previous 12 month period.
- Over 56 600 new vacancies were lodged in the month of December 2006.



- During the 12 months to end December 2006, over 644 900 job placements were recorded by Job Network members and other Job Placement Organisations – this is in line with last year’s record breaking performance.
- Over 40 000 job placements were recorded in the month of December 2006 which is 5 per cent more than the monthly average for the previous contract period.



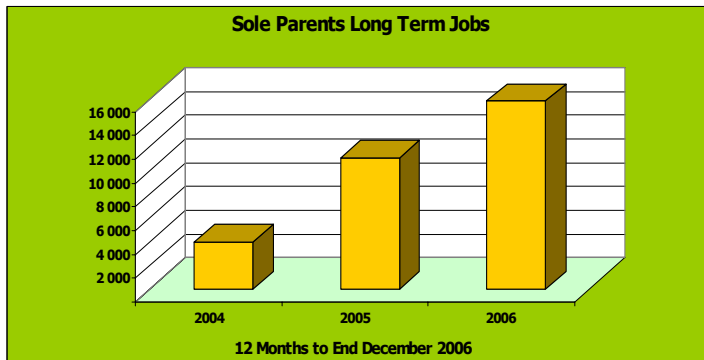
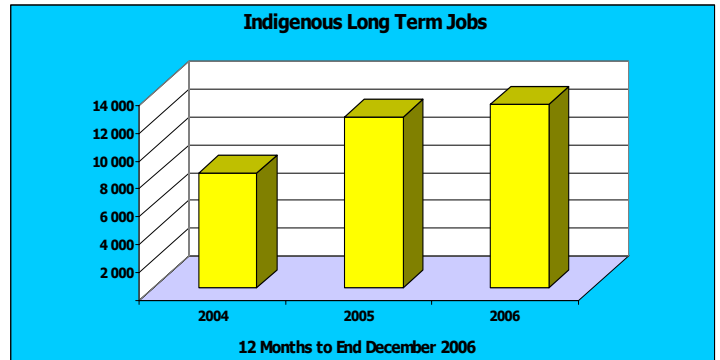
- During the 12 months to end December 2006, over 180 500 long term (13 week) jobs were achieved for disadvantaged job seekers and those unemployed for more than three months - this is in line with last year’s record breaking performance.
- Over 17 700 long term (13 week) jobs were achieved in the month of December 2006. This is more than double the monthly average for the previous contract.

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Record Job Placements for Disadvantaged Job Seekers

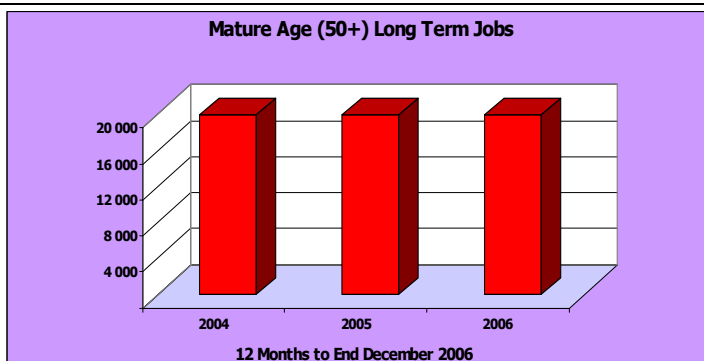
The *Job Network Performance Profile* (JNPP) continues to show the record numbers of job placements achieved following implementation of the *Active Participation Model* on 1 July 2003. These new records have not been isolated to any particular client group – employment outcomes have increased significantly for even the most highly disadvantaged job seekers.

- During the 12 months to end December 2006, over 13 000 long term (13 week) jobs were achieved for disadvantaged Indigenous job seekers and those unemployed for more than three months – an increase of 7 per cent on the period 12 months to December 2005 and a new annual record.
- Over 1200 long term (13 week) jobs were achieved for these jobseekers during December 2006 – the best December on record.



- During the 12 months to end December 2006, over 15 700 long term (13 week) jobs were achieved for disadvantaged sole parent job seekers and those unemployed for more than three months – an increase of 43 per cent on the previous 12 month period and the best 12 months on record.
- Over 1600 long term (13 week) jobs were achieved for these jobseekers during December 2006 - the best month on record.

- During the 12 months to end December 2006, over 15 700 long term (13 week) jobs were achieved for disadvantaged job seekers and those unemployed for more than three months identified as having a disability – an increase of over 4 per cent on the previous 12 month period.
- Over 1400 long term (13 week) jobs were achieved for these jobseekers in the month of December 2006.



- During the 12 months to end December 2006, over 23 900 long term (13 week) jobs were achieved for Mature Age (50+) job seekers unemployed for more than three months – in line with the previous 12 month period.
- Over 2300 long term (13 week) jobs were achieved for these jobseekers in the month of December 2006.

Job Network Performance Profile – Fact Sheet

- Unemployed people are assisted by 103 Job Network members and hundreds of licensed Job Placement Organisations operating from more than 2700 sites across Australia.
- From 1 July 2003, Job Network services were refined through implementation of the *Active Participation Model*.
 - These improvements mean that, for the duration of their unemployment, job seekers have a single Job Network member who works closely with them to help them find a job. Job seekers receive more intensive assistance the longer they are unemployed.
 - Under the new arrangements, two main forms of assistance are provided for job seekers - Job Search Support and Intensive Support. Job Search Support is aimed at placing unemployed people directly into jobs. Intensive Support provides training and other forms of assistance specifically tailored to meet the individual's needs, to help disadvantaged job seekers and those unemployed for more than three months find and keep a job.
 - A new dedicated Job Seeker Account has been established so that Job Network members may, for example, pay for eligible job seekers to undertake training courses, cover their travel expenses when they attend interviews, or purchase uniforms and equipment when they are needed for the person to take up a job.
 - The new Job Placement Organisations harness the strengths of the commercial recruitment sector to bring more vacancies to job seekers. Job seekers can access vacancies at no cost on the Job Search jobs database, through the internet or the nearly 3000 kiosks located in Job Network sites and Centrelink offices throughout Australia.
- The Job Network Performance Profile (see page 1) shows weekly numbers for three key indicators:
 - new vacancies lodged on Job Search by Job Network members and other Job Placement Organisations;
 - the total job placements providers record for job seekers, including those that may become long term job outcomes at a later stage; and
 - long term job outcomes achieved for Intensive Support participants.

Following the transition phase between the previous Job Network arrangements and the *Active Participation Model*, in which new sites were established and improved services for job seekers were introduced, performance levels have reached record levels. New records continue to be set each month.

- Long term job outcomes reflect the completion of a minimum of 13 consecutive weeks employment by job seekers receiving Intensive Support – that is, job seekers identified as Highly Disadvantaged and those unemployed for more than three months. In addition to the 180 500 long term jobs recorded during the 12 months to end December 2006, over 6600 job seekers assisted through the Intensive Support service gained education outcomes (the completion of approved semester courses).