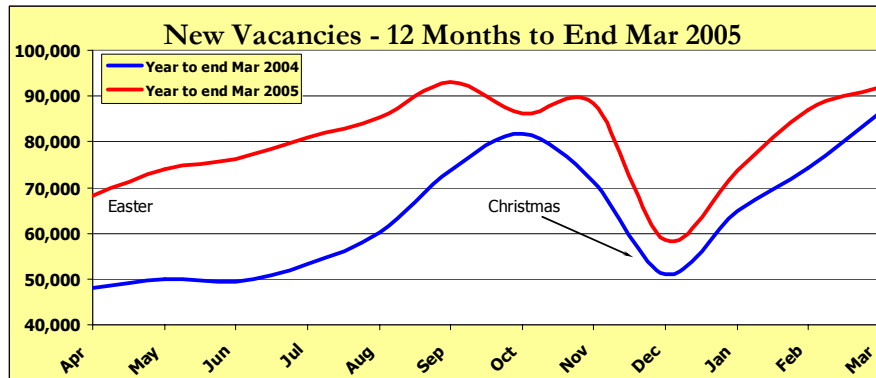
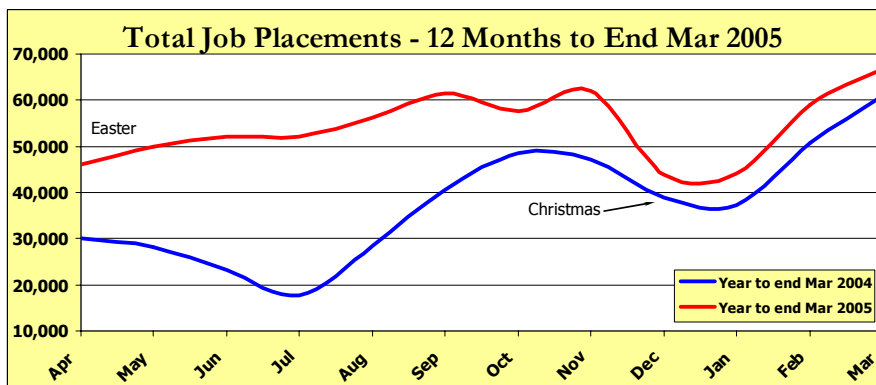




Job Network Performance Profile – 12 Months to End March 2005



- In the 12 months to end March 2005, around 963,700 new vacancies were lodged on the national vacancy database - an increase of 26% on the previous year and a new annual record.
- More than 91,800 new vacancies were lodged in the month of March 2005, an increase of 6% on March 2004 and the best March on record.



- In the 12 months to end March 2005, a total of over 651,100 job placements were recorded by Job Network members and other Job Placement Organisations, an increase of 44% on the previous 12 months and a new annual record.
- Over 66,700 job placements were recorded in the month of March 2005, an increase of 10% on March 2004 and the best month on record.



- In the 12 months to March 2005, over 176,400 long term (13 week) jobs were achieved for disadvantaged job seekers and those unemployed for more than three months – again, a new annual record.
- Over 11,300 long term jobs were achieved in the month of March 2005. This is an increase of 18% on the number of long term jobs achieved in March 2004 and is also the best March on record.

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- Unemployed people are assisted by 109 Job Network members and hundreds of licensed Job Placement Organisations operating from more than 2,700 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 3,000 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 176,400 long term jobs recorded in the year to March 2005, around 6,500 job seekers assisted through the Intensive Support service gained education outcomes (the completion of approved semester courses).