



Job Network Performance Profile – February 2004

More vacancies

- ✓ Since 1 July 2003, over 530,000 new vacancies have been lodged on Australian JobSearch.
- ✓ From September 2003, following the establishment phase of the new contract, vacancy numbers have been higher than ever before.
- ✓ Over 74,000 vacancies were lodged by providers in February 2004, up 20% on February 2003.

More placements

- ✓ Since 1 July, Job Network has achieved over 309,000 job placements for job seekers.
- ✓ Job Network members and Job Placement organisations are currently achieving a weekly average of 12,700 job placements.
- ✓ Around 51,000 job placements were achieved in February 2004, up 24% on February 2003.

More long-term positions

- ✓ Since 1 July, around 53,000 long-term jobs have been achieved for disadvantaged job seekers and those unemployed for more than three months.
- ✓ Record numbers of long-term jobs (those lasting more than 13 weeks) have been achieved in each of the last three months, with 10,300 recorded in December 2003 and 11,700 in January 2004 (the best December and January on record).
- ✓ A new monthly record of 11,000 jobs was set in February 2004, up 41% on February 2003.

Job Network delivers

Unemployed people are assisted by 110 Job Network members and hundreds of licensed Job Placement organisations operating from more than 2700 sites across Australia.

- ✓ job seekers now have a single Job Network member who work closely with them to help them find a job. Job seekers receive more assistance the longer they are unemployed.
- ✓ Two main forms of assistance are provided for job seekers — 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 Job Seeker Account, worth \$180 million this year, has been established. Job Network members can use this to pay for eligible job seekers to undertake training courses, cover their travel expenses when they attend interviews, or purchase uniforms and equipment and a wide range of other services and facilities to help in getting 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 JobSearch jobs database, through the internet or the nearly 3,000 kiosks located in Job Network sites and Centrelink offices throughout Australia.