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Star Ratings highlight success of Job Network across Australia

Job Network is continuing to provide excellent results for job seekers as shown in the latest performance ratings released today by the Minister for Workforce Participation, Peter Dutton.

The Star Ratings system reflects the relative performance of Job Network members across Australia and is released every six months.

“Under the Howard Government, unemployment has fallen to the lowest levels in almost three decades. The Job Network has been an integral part of the Government’s strategy and an outstanding success,” Mr Dutton said.

“Put simply, the Job Network has helped record numbers of people find jobs.”

“Over the past twelve months more than 665,000 job seekers have been assisted into jobs through Job Network.”

“Significantly, 186,500 long term jobs were recorded in the 2004–05 financial year, an increase of 28 per cent and 80 per cent respectively on the previous year,” Mr Dutton said.

“The Australian Government has been consistently raising the performance bar for Job Network and the providers have delivered. I congratulate the Job Network members on their achievements.”

The strong partnership between the Government and Job Network members is expected to result in further growth in job placements over the coming months.

Mr Dutton said that by releasing the performance of local Job Network members, job seekers can make more informed decisions about their local providers.

“The Australian Government is committed to helping any Australian who wants to find a job. Our Star Ratings measurement system shows Job Network is working very well at getting unemployed Australians into work and the government is dedicated to ensuring this continues.”

The Star Ratings can be found at workplace.gov.au.