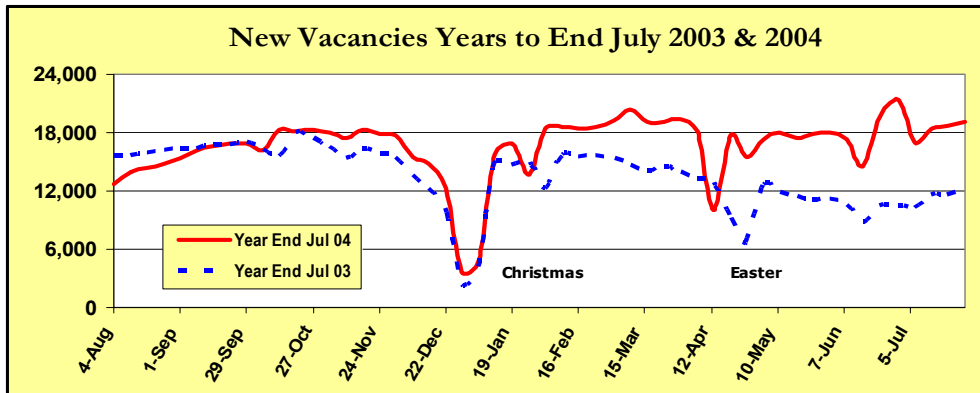
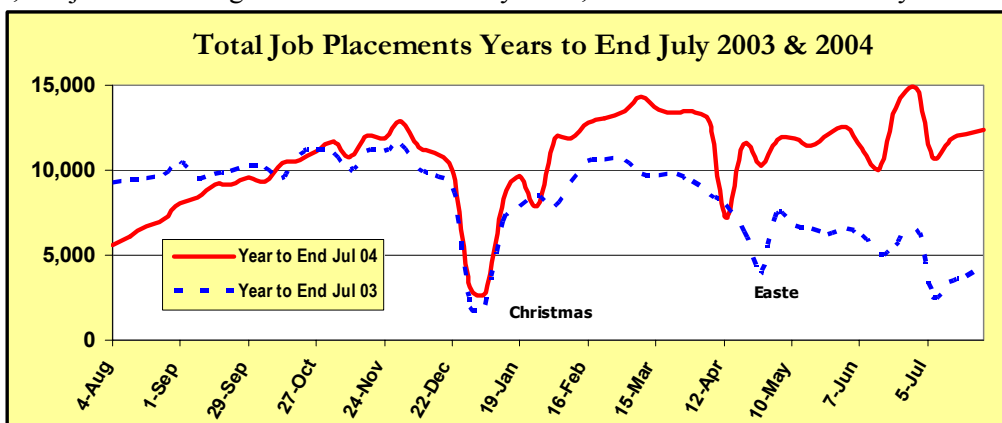




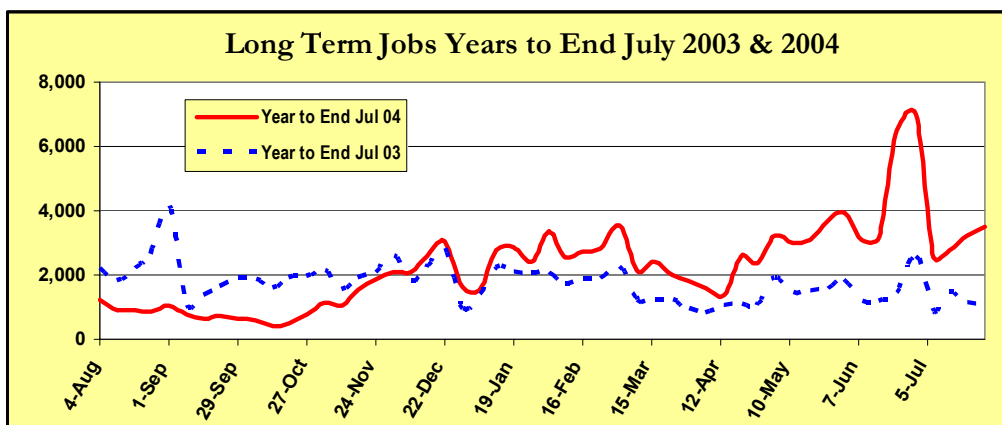
Job Network Performance Profile – Year to End July 2004



- ✓ In the year to end July 2004, 862,600 new vacancies were lodged on the national vacancy database, an increase of 23% on the previous year.
- ✓ Close to 81,000 jobs were lodged in the month of July 2004, an increase of 52% on July 2003.



- ✓ In the year to end July 2004 a total of 552,700 job placements were recorded by Job Network members and other Job Placement Organisations, an increase of 30% on the previous year.
- ✓ Over 52,100 job placements were recorded in the month of July 2004, more than double the number for July 2003.



- ✓ In the year to end July 2004, over 111,400 long term (13 week) jobs were achieved for disadvantaged job seekers and those unemployed for more than three months – the highest annual total in the history of Job Network. Close to 11,800 long term jobs were achieved in the month of July 2004, more than double the number for July 2003.
- ✓ In addition to the 111,400 job seekers benefiting from long term job outcomes in the year to end July 2004, over 6,100 education and training outcomes (the completion of approved semester courses) were achieved for job seekers receiving Intensive Support.

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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 will work 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, worth around \$180 million per year, 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 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.

These indicators show that 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 been better than those achieved under previous service arrangements.

- ✓ Long term job outcomes reflect the completion of a minimum of 13 consecutive weeks employment. Those recorded from 1 July to 30 September 2003 reflect jobs which started in the last part of the previous financial year and resulted in outcomes 13 weeks later. In view of the 13 week timeframe, the first long term job outcomes under the *Active Participation Model* were recorded in October 2003 and rapidly increased to the highest levels in the history of Job Network. This is the first report that has included details of the additional education and training outcomes that are recorded when job seekers receiving Intensive Support complete qualifying courses.