



Relocation Assistance to Take Up a Job Evaluation: Departmental response to findings

The Department of Jobs and Small Business will use the findings from the Relocation Assistance to Take Up a Job (RATTUJ) Programme Evaluation (published August 2018) to inform the ongoing policy and program development.

Finding	Response
A lack of awareness dampened demand for the program among potential participants.	<p>The Department promotes the RATTUJ programme to employment services providers and eligible participants to raise awareness about the financial assistance participants can receive to help them move to take up ongoing employment.</p> <p>Participant take-up of the RATTUJ programme is in line with expectations and higher than the programs RATTUJ replaced. The program is more efficient than originally anticipated with jobactive job seekers spending on average less than half of the forecast expenditure per job seeker.</p>
Ambiguity in the RATTUJ guidelines, particularly with expenses eligibility, reimbursement approaches and administrative practices.	<p>The Department regularly updates guidelines, reimbursement approaches and administrative practices for employment service providers and the evaluation findings have informed these updates.</p>
Some job seekers who did not meet the eligibility criteria (operating during the evaluation period) could also benefit from relocation assistance.	<p>From 1 July 2018, RATTUJ eligibility was broadened to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parenting Payment recipients in 30 locations to be serviced by the Intensive Stream of ParentsNext, and• workers under the Stronger Transitions package and current Structural Adjustment Packages (including retrenched workers from the automotive industry and the Hazelwood Power Station). <p>There are instances where some job seekers may relocate without any Australian Government assistance or encouragement. Therefore, policies and programs must be tightly targeted towards those groups that most need this help.</p> <p>Job seekers in jobactive who are not eligible for RATTUJ are, at the discretion of their provider, able to access assistance under the Employment Fund to support them to meet the costs of attending job interviews and/or relocating to take up employment.</p>