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Personal Support Programme (PSP)

What funding is the government committing to the Personal Support Programme?

- ▶ The Howard Government will commit funding of \$323 million over four years for the Personal Support Programme.

What is the Personal Support Programme?

- ▶ The Personal Support Programme provides up to two years assistance to people on income support.
- ▶ The programme targets people with multiple non-vocational barriers, such as drug and alcohol abuse and mental health problems, who are finding it difficult to get a job.
- ▶ The programme began in 2002.

Who does the programme assist?

- ▶ Services and support available through the programme includes counselling, referral and advocacy.
- ▶ 50 000 people will benefit from participating in the Personal Support Programme in 2005-06, an increase of 10 000 participants in 2004-05.

How is the programme delivered?

- ▶ The Personal Support Programme is delivered by 148 organisations in 600 sites across Australia.
- ▶ Providers include large national and small not-for-profit private organisations and specialist providers such as drug and alcohol rehabilitation services.

What outcomes does PSP achieve?

- ▶ The Personal Support Programme is proving effective in helping people connect with work, education and employment assistance programmes.
- ▶ 62 per cent of those moving into work following the programme had been unemployed for three years or more, and 38 per cent had been unemployed for greater than five years.