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SOUTH WEST ESF PERFORMANCE REPORT

Introduction

1. This paper provides the South West committee with the first report on participants joining the ESF programme in the region and early outcomes.
2. A full set of initial claims from all CFOs has yet to be received and the data set out in this paper has therefore not been validated by the Managing Authority's MI system. As a consequence, the data are not comprehensive and may be subject to further change. However the data provide an indication of initial activity.
3. The first table (annex A) shows data for Priority 1 (extending employment opportunities) broken down by the two CFOs (DWP and LSC) that operate in Priority 1 in the South West. The second table shows data for Priority 2 (developing a skilled and adaptable workforce) where the LSC is the only CFO. The data show both ESF and match participants.
5. This first tranche of data provides confirmation that providers are taking on participants and that outcomes, including jobs and qualifications, are being achieved. However, it is not possible to read too much into the data at this early stage.
5. Further information from CFOs that will be submitted over the next two months will provide a much firmer basis for assessing programme performance trends. This will be available for the next meeting of the committee.

Action

6. Committee members are invited to note and comment on the performance report.

**ESF Managing Authority
9 March 2009**

ANNEX A

| Priority 1: Extending Employment Opportunities | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Outputs | | | | | |
| Ref | Indicators | Target 2007 - 10 | Total cumulative achievement | DWP cumulative achievement | LSC cumulative achievement |
| 1.1 | Participants - TOTAL | 25,250 | 15,581 | 13,021 | 2,560 |
| 1.2a | Unemployed | 10,600 | 8,064 | 6,256 | 1,808 |
| 1.2b | Unemployed | 42% | 52% | 48% | 71% |
| 1.3a | Economically Inactive | 8,600 | 7,057 | 6,765 | 292 |
| 1.3b | Economically Inactive | 34% | 45% | 52% | 11% |
| 1.4a | 14-19 NEET | 5,050 | 401 | 0 | 401 |
| 1.4a | 14-19 NEET | 20% | 3% | 0% | 17% |
| 1.5 | Disabled | 22% | 48% | 50% | 38% |
| 1.7 | Aged 50 plus | 18% | 16% | 19% | 3% |
| 1.8 | Ethnic minorities | 7% | 7% | 7% | 8% |
| 1.9 | Female | 51% | 37% | 36% | 41% |
| Results | | | | | |
| Ref | Indicators | Target 2007 - 10 | Total cumulative achievement | DWP cumulative achievement | LSC cumulative achievement |
| 1.10a | In work on leaving | 5,550 | 832 | 744 | 88 |
| 1.13a | 14-19 NEET into EET | 2,250 | 123 | 0 | 123 |

NEET = Not in education, employment or training.

ANNEX B

| Priority 2: Developing a skilled and adaptable workforce | | | |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Outputs | | | |
| Ref | Indicators | Target 2007 - 10 | LSC cumulative achievement |
| 2.1 | Participant - TOTAL | 23,500 | 639 |
| 2.2a | Basic skill needs | 9,650 | 29 |
| 2.2b | Basic skill needs | 41% | 5% |
| 2.3a | Without Level 2 | 9,650 | 93 |
| 2.3b | Without Level 2 | 41% | 15% |
| 2.4a | Without Level 3 | 2,800 | 206 |
| 2.4b | Without Level 3 | 12% | 32% |
| 2.5 | Disabled | 15% | 15% |
| 2.6 | Aged 50 plus | 20% | 13% |
| 2.7 | Ethnic minorities | 4% | 11% |
| 2.8 | Female | 50% | 40% |
| Results | | | |
| Ref | Indicators | Target 2007 - 10 | LSC cumulative achievement |
| 2.9a | Gained basic skills | 4,350 | 2 |
| 2.10a | Gained Level 2 | 3,850 | 87 |
| 2.11a | Gained Level 3 | 850 | 106 |