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Performance Report for the SW Regional Employment and Skills Partnership Board 21st July 2009

There is limited information to report at this stage. Data is only available on delivery up to November 2008, and a full set of initial claims has yet to be included in the attached data.

Claims to May 2009 claims are being collated for review by the Programme Steering Groups in late July 2009.

Contracts have been let by co-financing organisations, releasing the majority of funding available for the 2007- 2010. Spend reported by the LSC and DWP suggest that the programme is on course to meet its 2009 (N+2) financial targets in both the Convergence and Competitiveness areas.

Evidence from early claims suggests that:

- **demand for support under Priority 1 and 4 of the programme (targeted at those out of work) is high, with participant numbers frequently being above those profiled for this stage of the programme delivery**
- **work-related outcome targets may be more difficult to achieve.**

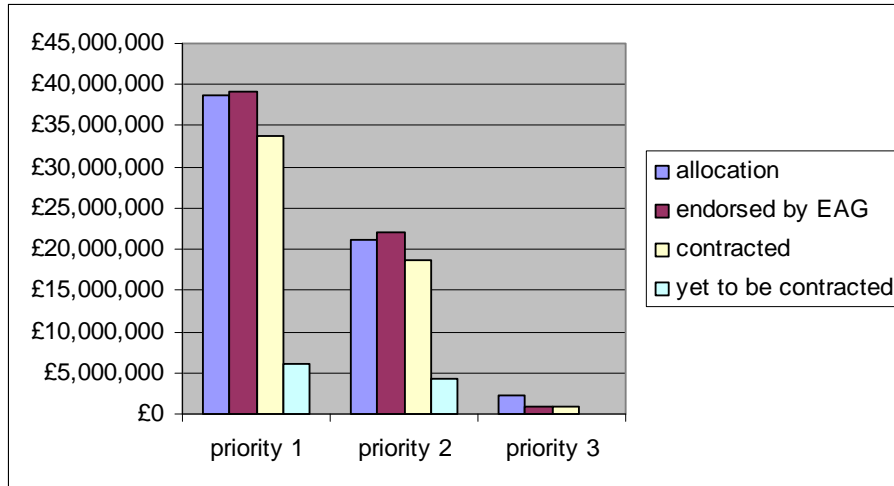
Both of these are a consequence of the current economic conditions.

Some additional information on the Competitiveness programme is provided below. A more detailed report will be provided to the next RESP Board Meeting.

Competitiveness

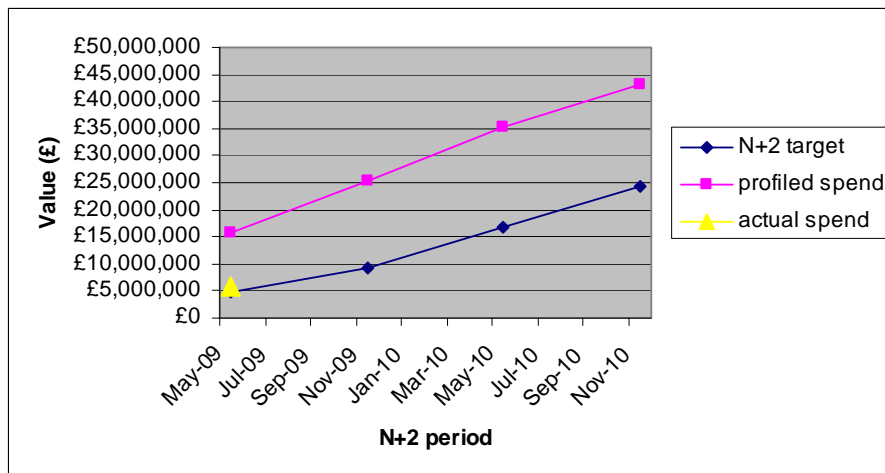
Priority 1 - Extending Employment Opportunities

Contracting



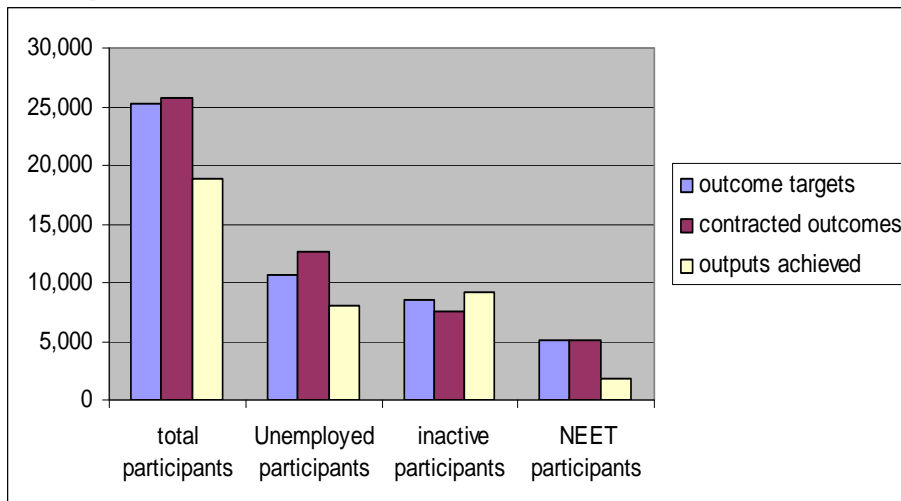
The majority of funds have been contracted. Close monitoring, through project visits, suggests that the programme is being delivered effectively.

Spend to date



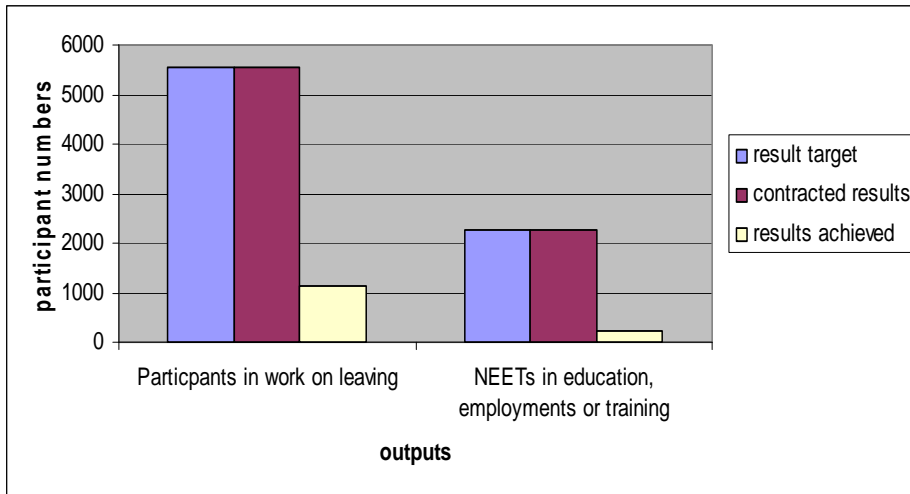
Spend to date is at levels (N+2 target) required by the European Commission.

Participation



Participation rates among those not in work are high.

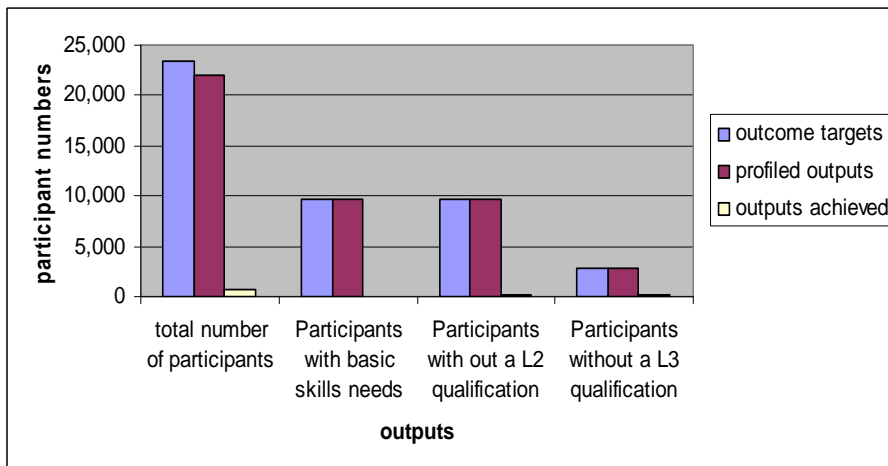
Outcomes



The majority of outcome data has yet to be received. There is some expectation that increased competition for jobs caused by the recession may make work-related outcome targets harder to achieve.

Priority 2 - Developing a skilled and adaptable workforce

Participation



The majority of information has yet to be received from the LSC on achievement against outputs, including participation data. Information received through close monitoring via project visits suggests that the programme is being delivered effectively.

Outputs

