



**Amanda Rishworth MP  
Member for Kingston**

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**Job seekers in Southern Adelaide to receive language,  
literacy and numeracy support**

Amanda Rishworth MP, Member for Kingston today said the Australian Government had announced funding for a local Language, Literacy and Numeracy program to assist jobseekers in the Southern Suburbs of Adelaide.

Ms Rishworth said the program will help address Australia's adult numeracy and literacy levels, which are a real barrier to our workplace productivity both at a national and local level.

Ms Rishworth said "Under the program, Status Employment Services will provide job seekers in our community with high quality training to address language, literacy and numeracy related barriers to sustainable employment or further education and training.

"The Rudd Labor Government's Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program provides up to 800 hours of free accredited training for eligible jobseekers, aiming to lift Southern Adelaide's long term productivity.

"If you are interested in joining the program or know of someone looking for work who would benefit from it, get them to contact their Centrelink, Job Services Australia or a Disability Employment Services office."

Nationally, the program will be delivered in more than 350 locations across Australia, providing support for more than 70,000 jobseekers over the next four years.

The Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program is a key feature of the Rudd Labor Government's *Skills for Sustainable Growth* package, announced in the 2010-2011 Budget.

The package also includes an extra 9,500 places under our Workplace English, Language and Literacy (WELL) program for existing workers who want to improve their skills and up to 8,000 places in informal learning programs such as Men's Sheds.

For further information about the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program, visit: <http://www.deewr.gov.au/llnp>.

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