

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question No: 228

Topic: DSP Eligibility

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Senator Siewert asked:

“How many people whose claims have been rejected under the Program of Support rules from 1 September 2011 have started:

- Training
- Study
- Employment”.

Answer:

From 1 September 2011 to 30 September 2012, 2,148 DSP claims were rejected because they did not meet the Program of Support (POS) requirement.

Of the claims rejected over that period because the POS requirement was not met, there were 41 education and 108 employment commencements* to 30 September 2012.

It is not possible to break down further education commencements into commencements in training and study activities.

For a range of reasons, DSP claims rejected on POS grounds may not result in an immediate program placement. For example, the claimant may have a temporary incapacity exemption, be a voluntary jobseeker and elect not to participate, or be participating in a non-DEEWR funded program.

Where people are placed in a program, they may spend some time in the program building their capacity before commencing education or employment.

*Commencements in DEEWR funded programs only.