

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Question

Work for the Dole- exited job seekers

Senator CAMERON: Those 20,000 that left, can you give me the breakdown on each of the issues that you have said are the reasons they would leave.

Ms Milliken: I will take that on notice.

Senator CAMERON: Do you actually keep those figures?

Ms Milliken: I do not have them—

Senator CAMERON: I see shoulders being shrugged.

Ms Milliken: Some of that information will be gathered through the post-program monitoring surveys, which we have spoken to previously. They look at what the destination has been of individuals three months after they have participated in Work for the Dole. We have spoken to the proportion from July to September who were in employment and in training three months later.

Senator CAMERON: So 20,000 have gone for one reason or another. You cannot give me the details of that here, so have you taken that on notice. Of those 20,000, you will be in a position to give us details of what happened to them.

Unidentified speaker: We should be able to.

Ms Milliken: Yes. I expect that we can.

Answer

Of the 20,690 job seekers that exited their Work for the Dole activity between 1 July and 31 December 2015:

- 7,411 job seekers had a job placement recorded.
- 2,512 job seekers had transferred to a different activity for example Voluntary Work, part-time or casual work or accredited training.
- 3,197 job seekers had exited jobactive (with the main reasons showing that the job seeker left income support).
- 2,888 job seekers' circumstances had changed and they were no longer required to undertake an activity.
- 4,682 job seekers were still in jobactive as at 31 December 2015, awaiting referral to another activity.