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Question

Stream 4 long-term unemployed

Senator SIEWERT: So we do not know of the stream 4 long-term unemployed, but you could break down the figures. Is it possible to take on notice, then, that break down? I am trying to determine how we are going, particularly, with the long-term and the very long-term unemployed.

Ms Drayton: You are looking at the absolutely most disadvantaged—

Ms Paul: They are a captive cohort. They are extremely poor, so they have multiple disadvantages. Then, in addition to that, they are long-term or very long-term unemployed. Once you get through all that, they have been unemployed for a year or two years, what proportion of them are getting 13-week or 26-week or at least some sort of job or positive outcome.

Senator SIEWERT: Exactly. That is what I am after.

Ms Drayton: I do have some things I can give you that might help. If we look at the stream 4s who got a 13-week employment-paid outcome, there were 24,434 13-week outcomes and of that figure 30 per cent were unemployed for more than two years. We will do some more work on that, senator.

Senator SIEWERT: If you could. You obviously know what I want to know.

Answer

The table below shows the percentage of Stream 4 long-term unemployed, and very long-term unemployed job seekers who achieved an employment outcome in the year ending 31 December 2012, as measured through the Department's Post-Program Monitoring survey. These job seekers participated in Job Services Australia between 1 October 2011 and 30 September 2012, with outcomes measured 3 months later.

	Three month employment outcome rate
Stream 4 long-term unemployed (unemployed 12+ months)	20.4%
Stream 4 very long-term unemployed (unemployed 24+ months)	18.3%
Stream 4 total	25.1%