

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2007-08 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 7

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Senator Boyce asked on 21 February 2008, EEWPR Proof Hansard page 5.

Question

Work for the Dole

What number of volunteers would you have and what number of people would go there because the box got ticked?

Answer

For the period 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007, the number of job seekers who volunteered to do Work for the Dole compared to those who undertook Work for the Dole to fulfill their Mutual Obligation (MO) requirements are:

	Number of Commencements	%
Volunteered for Work for the Dole	2 419	6.4%
Undertaking Work for the Dole for MO	35 260	93.6%
Total	37 679	

The following participant groups are eligible to volunteer for Work for the Dole:

- Mature Aged (aged 50 years or more, full rate New Start Allowance, not Full-time Work for the Dole)
- NSA/Youth Allowance job seekers aged over 18 years
- Parenting Payment recipients whose youngest child is less than 6 years
- Disability Support Pension recipients (work capacity minimum of 8 hours a week)
- Personal Support Programme and Disability Employment Network participants