

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Cormann asked on 10/02/2010, Hansard pages 122-123.

Question

EMPLOYMENT PATHWAY PLANS

1. How many people have had an employment pathway plan?
2. How many job seekers do not currently have an employment pathway plan approved?
3. How quickly from the initial entry into the system, for want of a better word, people will actually end up with an employment pathway plan beyond the initial piece of paper from Centrelink?
4. How many of them [employment pathway plans] have you done compared to what you expected and are there any budget implications of having more or less than what you expected?

Answer

1. To 31 December 2009, 487 437 seekers on the Job Services Australia caseload had an EPP.
2. 14 063 job seekers on the Job Services Australia caseload had no EPP approved as at 31 December 2009.

Of these, 5472 had an EPP in draft but not yet signed. The remaining 8591 includes job seekers who have been referred to a provider but have not yet attended their appointment (i.e. have a scheduled appointment in the near future to meet with their provider to develop an EPP).

3. On average, job seekers in Streams 1-3 of Job Services Australia have an EPP finalised within 6 days of being referred to their provider. For Stream 4 job seekers the average is 9 days after referral. The average time for Stream 4 is longer as job seekers in that stream require a Job Capacity Assessment before an EPP can be developed.
4. Under their respective Deeds, all employment services providers are expected to have EPPs for all job seekers on their caseloads who are fully eligible for employment services. Job Services Australia is demand driven and funded accordingly. The specific task of negotiating EPPs is not funded separately but is part of each provider's general servicing arrangements.