

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS PLANS

Please provide the latest available data on the breakdown of Employment Pathway Plans for early school leavers on Youth Allowance (Other) by age (16-17yrs, 18-20yrs), type of activity and numbers participating in each (including data on those exempted from requirements), and the number of early school leavers on YA(O) in each of those age brackets?

Answer

Type of activities contained in Employment Pathway Plans for Early School Leavers receiving Youth Allowance (other), for recipients aged under 18 and 18-20.

Table 1: Employment Pathway Plan activities for Early School Leavers receiving Youth Allowance (Other) as at end December 2010

Main Activity	Aged under 18	Aged 18-20	Total
Job Services Australia Stream 4 ¹	2691	9047	11 738
Full time or part time study at an accredited institution	2474	5845	8319
Programs ²	2456	4754	7210
Other Activities ³	6052	13 461	19 513
Activity Test Exempt	968	2064	3032
Disability Employment Services ¹	428	1464	1892
Total	15 069	36 635	51 704

Notes:

1. Youth Allowance (Other) recipients can satisfy their Early School Leaver participation requirements by participating in Job Services Australia Stream 4 or Disability Employment Services.
2. Programs - Early School Leavers with an Employment Pathway Plan that included participation in a suitable program, such as the Adult Migrant English Program, Australian Apprenticeship Access Program, Community Development Employment Project-Work Readiness Service Stream, Language, Literacy and Numeracy

Program, National Green Jobs Corps, New Enterprise Incentive Scheme training, Youth Connections, or work for the dole or Green Corps activities with structured training.

3. Other Activities - Early School Leavers with an Employment Pathway Plan that included participation in a range of different activities such as attendance at state-based programs, provider-based training, drug and alcohol counselling, relationship counselling, and/or obtaining a driver's licence.

Note: This data has been extracted so that each Early School Leaver is only counted once according to the primary service/ activity in their Employment Pathway Plan. Some Early School Leavers can fit into multiple categories above (for example, they could be participating in Stream 4 services within Job Services Australia while also undertaking some accredited study).

This data is based on recipients of Youth Allowance who were current (i.e. entitled to be paid) on the Centrelink payment system.

Source: Centrelink Administrative Data and DEEWRA Administrative Data.