

**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 Abetz provided in writing.

Question

PARTICIPATION REPORTS/SERIOUS FAILURES LODGED AND UPHELD

Can the Department provide figures for the number and rate of serious failure participation reports lodged and upheld in remote areas for each quarter since July 2009? Can it compare the rate of lodgements and penalties upheld with non-remote Employment Service Areas (ESAs)?

Answer:

Since July 2009 the number of participation reports (PRs) submitted and applied in relation to serious failures (i.e. where a job seeker fails to accept or commence in an offer of suitable work) by quarter for job seekers living in Employment Service Areas (ESAs) or parts of ESAs designated as remote is as follows:

Remote Serious Failures	Q1 09/10	Q2 09/10	Q3 09/10	Q4 09/10	Q1 10/11	Q2 10/11
Submitted PRs	22	28	23	40	56	57
Applied PRs	2	3	5	5	6	20

The PR submission and application rates of serious failures for job seekers living in remote areas compared with job seekers not living in remote areas are as follows:

Submitted and Applied Serious Failures	Q1 09/10	Q2 09/10	Q3 09/10	Q4 09/10	Q1 10/11	Q210/1 1
Remote Submitted PR Rate %*	0.10%	0.9%	0.7%	0.11%	0.16%	0.16%
Non-Remote Submitted PR Rate %*	0.7%	0.10%	0.9%	0.10%	0.12%	0.12%
Remote Applied PR Rate %*^	9%	11%	22%	13%	11%	35%
Non-Remote Applied PR Rate %^	15%	14%	16%	17%	20%	24%

** This expresses PRs for serious failures as a proportion of all active jobseekers during each quarter.*

^ Of PRs submitted for serious failures, the percentage that were applied.

Data Source: DEEWR Administrative data.