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

STREAM SERVICES

- 1. What percentage of each Stream have transferred Streams?
- 2. How many calls have been received by the Job Seeker hotline in the last 6 months?
- 3. How many of these have been complaints about the service they have received?
- 4. How many of these have been from Stream 1 job seekers?
- 5. How many job seekers have transferred providers due to relocation?
- 6. How many job seekers have transferred providers due to wanting a new provider?

Answer

- 1. As at 28 February 2011, the proportion of jobseekers who have moved to a higher stream since 1 July 2009 is:
 - 21% of Stream 1 participants upstreamed to Stream 2,
 - 12% of Stream 2 participants upstreamed to Stream 3, and
 - 8% of Stream 3 participantsupstreamed to Stream 4.

A job seeker can be moved into a higher Stream as a result of a change in level of disadvantage as determined by a Job Seeker Classification Index or a Job Capacity Assessment.

- 2. From July to December 2010, 15 447 contacts were received by the department's Customer Service Line.
- 3. Of the 15 447 contacts received, the department classified 6 036 as complaints. Complaints cover a range of matters including Centrelink services, JSA services, Departmental services such as Australian Job Search and other job seeker IT applications.
- 4. Stream 1 job seekers make up 1 103 of these complaints.
- 5. and 6. Refer to EW0950_11