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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

Work for the Dole

Senator BERNARDI: Could you tell me the average duration that a participant spends in a Work for the Dole activity? Ms Laker: It is quite variable. There is no fixed requirement for the length of a Work for the Dole project, and many JSA providers deliver Work for the Dole on a sort of rolling basis—people do it for a certain period, and other people may do it for a longer period—so we will have to take that on notice. Senator BERNARDI: There would be an average. If you could provide it, I would appreciate that. Ms Paul: Perhaps we can give you a sense of the range too. An average might not mean much if the range is really wide. Senator BERNARDI: Very good, Ms Paul Senator SIEWERT: Could you also break it down into Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal clients? Is it possible to do that? Ms Laker: We will certainly try to do that for you.

Answer

As at 30 November 2011, the range and average time a job seeker spent in a Work for the Dole activity are as follows:

Average duration of a job seeker's placement in a Work for the Dole activity

Time	Indigenous	Non-indigenous	All
Average	12 weeks	11 weeks	11 weeks
Maximum	74 weeks	109 weeks	109 weeks