

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

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Outcome 3 - Employment

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Senator Sinodinos asked on 13 February 2013, Hansard page 63

Question

Exemption from the activity test requirement

Senator Sinodinos: Please provide a breakdown of income support recipients on an exemption by period of unemployment.

Answer

The following table provides a breakdown, by length of unemployment, of income support recipients that have an exemption from the activity test or participation requirements as at 30 November 2012:

Length of Unemployment	Number of job seekers with an Exemption	% of activity-tested job seekers
Less than 12 Months	28,371	11.4%
12 to 24 Months	10,130	8.8%
Greater than 24 months	35,795	9.0%
Total	74,296	9.8%

Source: DHS Administrative Data as at 30 November 2012