Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Fifield asked on 31/05/2011, Hansard page 62.

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No EW1015_11*.*

Question

Disability Employment Services - Breakdown Of Reasons For Exits By Gender

Senator FIFIELD: Thank you for that. In answer to a question I put on notice at the last estimates, DEEWR question number EW1015_11, in relation to how many people accessed the DES in 2010-11, the department's response said: 164,888 people have accessed Disability Employment Services for the 2010–11 financial year to 31 December 2010. 140,799 are currently being serviced and 24,089 have exited from services. Are you able to provide a breakdown of the reasons behind the exits from DES in 2011 up to—let us start with the period covered by the answer to the last question—31 December. Ms Buffinton: Mostly, it would be because they would be coming forward. Ms Paul: But, if you would like us to take it on notice and try and break it down, we can. We do post-program monitoring, so it is part of that. Senator FIFIELD: I had assumed that was— Ms Paul: It is mainly good news; that is right. I would be happy to have a look at that. Ms Buffinton: So one reason to exit would be that you had taken work. Ms Paul: Why don't we just take it on notice? Senator FIFIELD: That would be good. Ms Paul: A breakdown of how many go off to employment and how many leave for other reasons. Senator FIFIELD: Yes. So if we could have that for all of 2010–11, that would be great. Also, if it is possible—and please take it on notice—I would like a breakdown by category of disability for people who have exited. It would just be interesting to see the proportions of people in particular disability categories who are being employed. That would be useful. Ms Paul: Sure. Senator FIFIELD: And also by gender for that period as well, thank you.

Answer

Exit Reasons for Commenced DES participants who Exited between 1 July 10–31 March 11 (top ten reasons displayed)

Exit Reason	Exits	Exit Type
Volunteer job seeker confirms request to Exit*	17,238	Requested Exit
Ongoing Support not required - Independent Worker	10,083	Independent Worker
24 Months in Employment Assistance	6,488	Non Employment
DES Provider Exit (return to DES through system error)	5,290	Requested Exit
Volunteer jobseeker not participating, not contactable	5,242	Non Employment
Job seeker moved from DES to Streamed Services	3,632	Non Employment
Ongoing Support not required - no longer employed	3,112	Non Employment
Withdrawn From Workforce - Non Allowance	1,922	Non Employment
IES Exit (manual exit reason unknown)	522	Requested Exit
Future work capacity is 8–14 hours, requested Exit	486	Requested Exit
Other miscellaneous exit types	1333	
Total	55,348	

* forthe 17,238 Volunteer job seekers who requested to be exited, the exit reason (for example, in employment) is not recorded.

Exits by Gender	All Exits	% Exiting asIndependent Worker
Female	22,668	17.7%
Male	32,680	19.1%
Total	55,348*	18.5%

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Primary Disability for Commenced DES participants who Exited between 1 July 10–31 March 11

Disability Group	All Exits	% of Total Exits	% Exiting as Independent Worker
Physical	24,808	44.8%	18.2%
Psychiatric	17,843	32.2%	16.7%
Intellectual	2,847	5.1%	20.6%
Specific Learning/ADD (other than Intellectual)	3,143	5.7%	23.2%
Neurological (including Epilepsy & Alzheimer's Disease)	2,228	4.0%	18.6%
Autism (including Asperger's Syndrome)	1,028	1.9%	19.4%
Hearing	938	1.7%	28.6%
Acquired brain injury	917	1.7%	17.2%
Vision	957	1.7%	32.6%
Speech	185	0.3%	27.0%
Deafblind (Dual Sensory)	22	0.0%	13.6%
Unknown/Not Stated	432	0.8%	4.6%
Total	55,348*	100%	18.5%

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