

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 3 – Employment

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Question

Job Seeker Suspensions

Senator CASH: How many job seekers are suspended from the case load and what percentage of the total case load is this? Ms Parker: The suspension from the case load is 152,688—20.6 per cent of the case load are suspended. Senator CASH: Is that a figure to date for this financial year? Do we have a comparison, perhaps, over previous years to see whether or not it is going up or down? Ms Parker: Yes, we can provide that. I think that would be on notice. Ms Drayton: It would have to be on notice.

Answer

Overall, the proportion of job seekers on the JSA caseload on suspensions has remained broadly consistent at around 20 per cent over the life of the contract.

Suspended Caseload	
Date	Percentage
1 December 2009	18.7%
1 December 2010	21.9%
1 December 2011	21.6%
1 March 2012	20.6%