

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2008-09 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome **7**

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Senator Cash provided in writing.

Question

Defence Force Reserves

Under the current Employment Services contract how do the participation requirements of the Defence Force Reserves compare with the minimum requirements for Work for the Dole or Work Experience?

Answer

Under the Employment Services current contract a job seeker who chooses to participate in the Defence Force Reserves to meet their mutual obligation requirement is required to participate for the following hours over a 26 week period. The specific hours depend on the job seeker's age and whether they have part-time or full-time participation requirements while receiving income support. The hours of participation required in Work for the Dole to meet a job seekers mutual obligation requirement are also given for comparison.

Age:	Work for the Dole:	Defence Force Reserves:
18 – 20yrs old	310 hrs	200 hrs
21 – 39yrs old	390 hrs	240 hrs
40 – 49yrs old or Principal Carer Parents Or People with a partial capacity to work due to disability	150 hrs	150 hrs