

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 4 - Employment

DEEWR Question No. EW0682_12

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Job seeker compliance and new suspension provisions since 1 July 2011 - penalties

How many job seekers had a financial penalty imposed as a result of this measure? Provide details by job seekers' age, gender, payment type, Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal status, and vulnerability indicator

Answer

From the introduction of the new job seeker compliance arrangements on 1 July 2011 to 30 September 2011, 13 605 financial penalties were incurred by 12 546 job seekers for not attending reconnection appointments with their provider without having a reasonable excuse.

Characteristic		Number of job seekers
Age	Under 21	3 316
	21 to 30	5 845
	31 to 40	2 338
	41 to 54	980
	55 and over	67
Gender	Male	8 771
	Female	3 775
Payment Type	Newstart Allowance	8 821
	Youth Allowance	3 330
	Parenting Payment Partnered	46
	Parenting Payment Single	349
Indigenous Status	Indigenous	3 370
	Non Indigenous	9 176
Vulnerability Indicator	With a Vulnerability Indicator	4 179
	Without a Vulnerability Indicator	8,367
Total		12 546

Source: DEEWR administrative data