

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 3 - Employment

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Senator Fifield asked on 17 October 2012, Hansard page 81

Question

Job seekers who had an exemption on a month by month basis.

Senator FIFIELD: Do you have monthly figures for the total number of people with an exemption over the financial year?

Answer

The following table provides the number of income support recipients with an exemption from the activity test or participation requirements as at the end of each month over the 2011-12 financial year:

Month	Number of job seekers exempt at the end of the month
July 2011	67,434
August 2011	66,412
September 2011	67,016
October 2011	65,668
November 2011	66,966
December 2011	68,314
January 2012	64,243
February 2012	65,910
March 2012	68,994
April 2012	67,226
May 2012	68,447
June 2012	69,721

Source: DHS Administrative Data as at the last Friday of the relevant month extracted on 31 August 2012.