

Clarification of Matters Discussed at the Senate Inquiry Newstart Allowance Hearing on 17 September 2012

On page 17 of the transcript for the Senate Inquiry Newstart Allowance hearing on 17 September 2012, several references are made by Ms Parker to “2,500 job seekers”. In regard to these references, the following clarification is provided.

- There were 2,579 assessments completed where the job seeker was identified as needing support and a recommended referral to employment services was made at this stage.
- A detailed explanation of these assessments is provided in the response to the question on notice taken from Senator Siewert regarding the number of those who subsequently found employment.

In regards to the ensuing discussion on page 17 of the transcript in response to the question “*They are required to have a plan, but they are not then subject to compliance requirements?*”, the following clarification is provided.

- Job seekers referred to employment services rather than those who gain immediate access to the DSP, are subject to the normal job seeker compliance framework.