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Question:

Senator SIEWERT: In terms of the outcomes, and I will be really interested to see the most recent table, in the table that you did provide—and, again, thank you—in the questions on notice, the vast majority of the outcomes were casual outcomes. Is that still the case?

Ms N Williams: Yes, that is correct. The most recent data supports that.

Senator SIEWERT: This is probably a really stupid question. So they do not then go over the 26-week outcomes? Whether somebody is casual, but on-and-off casual—are you able to measure that? Or is it once off for one day?

Ms N Williams: I think we might need to look into that and how that is measured. It is possible that some of the 26-week outcomes do relate to that, but we tend to measure job outcomes in terms of the degree to which someone is off income support, essentially, and the length of time that they are off income support.

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Senator SIEWERT: Do you have further detail on those? In other words, are they one day? Are they a couple of days? Because they do blow out the job placements, and it could be only a one- or two-day job.

Ms N Williams: We will see what we can pull together on that.

Senator SIEWERT: Thank you. In terms of this table, again the casual figures do not turn up, do they, in the overall outcomes?

Ms N Williams: It really would depend, I think, on the nature of the casual role. If, like you say, it is a short-term role, then obviously an individual would not reach the 13- or the 26-week mark. But there may be some instances where they do. There is that mixture of part-time, full-time and casual work. Particularly in remote communities, where work can be quite intermittent at times, you would expect a higher level of casual and part-time roles to be available to people.

Senator SIEWERT: If you could provide that breakdown that would be really appreciated. Thank you for the various explanations you have provided in terms of the serious compliance issues; I do now have that in my head. Minister, as to your comments where you said there is a very high percentage of non-compliance; that compliance failures have been waived—that

just relates to the serious complaints, doesn't it? It does not relate to the 'No show, no pay', which is the vast bulk of the compliance failures.

Answer:

The Community Development Programme (CDP) has now supported 15,362 jobs placements from 1 July 2015 to 30 April 2017.

On 5,084 occasions, job seekers were supported to stay in these jobs for six months or more.

A job placement is achieved when a job seeker commences work. Job placements are measured in Full-Time, Part-Time and Casual placements. The type of employment is identified by CDP providers at the time a job placement occurs. See below for breakdown of 26 week Employment Outcomes by employment type.

26 Week Employment Outcomes achieved between 1 July 2015 and 30 April 2017

Employment Type	
Not Identified	48
Casual	2,959
Full Time	1,269
Part Time	808
Total	5,084