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Senator Payne asked:

With respect to those already transitioned off CDEP wages, please provide figures for the number of previously grandfathered participants that have obtained employment. What measures do you have in place to encourage grandfathered participants to gain employment?

Answer:

From 1 July 2011 to 30 September 2012, 2,374 participants commenced off CDEP employment.

As a condition of entry into the CDEP program, all participants must agree to take up any reasonable offer of employment outside the CDEP program. The CDEP program includes a Work Readiness Stream where participants engage in activities that increase their employability skills. This includes training to help participants develop the skills they need to gain employment.

CDEP participants may also be placed in Work Experience placements outside the CDEP program in order to increase their skills to gain employment outside the program.

Placing CDEP participants into employment is a key element of the CDEP program and as part of CDEP funding, providers receive outcome payments for initial placement and further outcome payments where participants remain in employment. This encourages providers to assist participants through post placement support to improve the chances of people remaining in employment.

CDEP participants are also serviced by Job Services Australia (JSA) providers and have Employment Pathway Plans which set out ways to improve their employability skills for moving them into off CDEP employment.