

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 5**

**Question No: 39**

**Topic: DSP**

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**Senator Siewert** asked:

How many people on DSP found work and were sustained in a job?

**Answer:**

The Program of Support (POS) measure began on 3 September 2011. At 30 September 2013, 1,957 individuals had undertaken POS with the following outcomes:

- 295 placements in a job were recorded (this is known as a 0 week outcome);
- 197 13-week employment or education outcomes were recorded; and
- 114 26-week employment or education outcomes were recorded.

	<b>Employment Placement (0 week outcome)</b>	<b>13 week outcome</b>	<b>26 week outcome</b>
<b>DES</b>	262	182 (education and employment outcomes)*	107 (education and employment outcomes)*
<b>JSA</b>	33	15 (employment outcomes)	7 (employment outcomes)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>114</b>

\* Note most of the DES 13 and 26 week outcomes are estimated to be employment

Due to limitations in the data, the 13 and 26 week education and employment outcomes for Disability Employment Services (DES) cannot be broken down further. However, for Job Services Australia (JSA) employment outcomes can be determined.

Note the data collected only measures JSA and DES outcomes. Under the POS measure a number of other types of placements can be made. For example, in Australian Disability Enterprises, Transition to Work Programs, Rehabilitation and return to work programs delivered as a result of workers' compensation, motor vehicle accident, personal accident and sickness or trauma insurance claims and/or other similar programs that are designed to assist claimants to prepare for, find or maintain work. Currently data from these placements is not collected.