

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 553**

**Topic:** Program of support

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Siewert** asked:

Please provide an update to Question No. 39, Answers to Questions on Notice, 2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings.

**Answer:**

Question 39 2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings: How many people on DSP found work and were sustained in a job?

Update:

The Program of Support (POS) measure began on 3 September 2011. At August 2014, 3,268 individuals had undertaken POS with the following outcomes:

- 597 placements in a job were recorded (this is known as a 0 week outcome);
- 432 13-week employment or education outcomes were recorded; and
- 280 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>	515	393 (education and employment outcomes)*	258 (education and employment outcomes)*
<b>JSA</b>	82	39 (employment outcomes)	22 (employment outcomes)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>280</b>

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

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. Data from these placements is not collected.