

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Outcome 1 - Employment

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Work for the Dole commencements and outcomes

Over the 2014-15 financial year and for July-December 2015, please provide

- The number of commencements in Work for the Dole
- A breakdown of the number of jobseekers, by the number of times they have commenced in Work for the Dole
- Work for the Dole employment outcomes, including:
 - Part time and full time data
 - Outcomes by age groupings,
 - Outcomes for people Aboriginal people, and
 - Outcomes for people with a disability

Answer

- In the 2014-15 financial year, under Job Services Australia, there were 79,042 commencements in Work for the Dole.

In the period of 1 July to 31 December 2015, under jobactive, there were 62,624 commencements in Work for the Dole.

- In the 2014-15 financial year, under Job Services Australia, there were 54,170 unique job seekers in Work for the Dole.

In the period of 1 July to 31 December 2015, under jobactive, there were 52,904 unique job seekers in Work for the Dole

Table 1 provides a breakdown of how many times these job seekers commenced in Work for the Dole comparing Job Services Australia with jobactive.

Table 1: Number of times commenced in Work for the Dole by number of job seekers

	Job Services Australia 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015	Jobactive 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015
Time Commenced	Number of Job Seekers	Number of Job Seekers
1	36,640	44,682
2	12,450	7,040
3	3,568	961
4	1,040	163
5 or more	472	58

- c. Work for the Dole employment outcomes, including:
 - i. Part time and full time data

The Post-Programme Monitoring (PPM) survey is used to monitor the labour force and education status of job seekers three months after they have taken part in an approved activity.

Of job seekers who exited Work for the Dole in the period of 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, under Job Services Australia, 23.1 per cent were in employment three months later.

PPM survey outcomes for jobactive only relate to job seekers who participated and exited Work for the Dole over July to September 2015 (with results showing that 37.2 per cent were in employment three months later). Job seekers who exit Work for the Dole early (i.e. before the full six months) will tend to have higher employment rates, generally because they have left the activity to take up employment..

jobactive began on 1 July 2015 with job seekers progressively starting after that date in up to six months of Work for the Dole. Therefore, it is early days to be looking at what has happened to job seekers since they left a Work for the Dole activity under jobactive. A full year of survey data will provide a more comprehensive picture of the performance of Work for the Dole

Table 2 provides a breakdown of full time and part time employment three months after a job seeker has exited Work for the Dole comparing Job Services Australia with jobactive.

Table 2: Job seekers employment status three months after an exit

	Full Time Employed (%)	Part Time Employed (%)	Employed (%)
Job Services Australia 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015	7.6	15.6	23.1
Jobactive 1 July 2015 to 30 September 2015	15.9	21.2	37.2

- ii. Outcomes by age groupings

Of job seekers aged 21 to 24 who exited Work for the Dole in the period of 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, under Job Services Australia, 27.1 per cent were in employment three months later. Table 3 provides a breakdown of employment rates for job seekers by age groups, who undertook Work for the Dole under Job Services Australia for the 2014-15 financial year.

There were too few responses from the PPM survey in the first three months of jobactive to report statistically reliable results for age breakdowns for job seekers who undertook Work for the Dole.

Table 3: Job seeker age group by employment rate

Age Group	Employment Rate (%) Job Services Australia 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015
15-20	n.p.
21-24	27.1
25-34	24.5
35-49	21.5
50 OR MORE	n.p.

Not published (n.p.): insufficient data available to produce a reliable result for the particular age group of job seekers.

iii. Outcomes for Indigenous people

There were too few responses from the PPM survey to provide statistically reliable results for Indigenous job seekers for Work for the Dole under jobactive or Job Services Australia.

iv. Outcomes for people with a disability

Of People with Disability who exited Work for the Dole in the period of 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, under Job Services Australia, 17.0 per cent were in employment three months later.

There were too few responses from the PPM survey to provide statistically reliable results for People with Disability who undertook Work for the Dole.