

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000147

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Relates to previous Employment Question No EMSQ15-000406

Question

Update to EMSQ15-000406 - Work for the Dole employment outcomes

Please provide updates to the following QoNs from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015-16 using the latest available data/period: EMSQ15-000406

Answer

Only those job seekers who both commenced in Work for the Dole and who were able to find work in the period July to September 2015 have had the opportunity to be in employment for three months as at 31 December 2015. No job seekers have had the opportunity to be in employment for 6 months following initial participation in Work for the Dole under jobactive as at this date.

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. The PPM survey shows that of the job seekers that exited Work for the Dole during July to September 2015, measured three months later, 37.2 per cent were in employment.

There are too few responses to the PPM survey from specific groups of job seekers that undertook Work for the Dole activities over July to September 2015 to enable us to provide statistically reliable results on outcomes for long term and very long term unemployed job seekers.