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Question

Qualification requirement for education outcomes payment

Senator SINODINOS: Is there a minimum certificate level qualification requirement for which an education outcome payment would be made?

Mr Watson: No.

Senator SINODINOS: How far down does it go?

Ms Drayton: Certificate I.

Mr Watson: You could do certificate I, the lower level, and in some cases do registered training courses as well.

Senator SINODINOS: What would certificate I cover?

Ms Paul: Sometimes it could be foundation courses. That is another thing. For example, it could be prevocational, Mr Watson, could it not?

Mr Watson: Certainly.

Ms Paul: Some of the foundation skills—some of the prevocational that are not accredited under the AQF, but all lead to a much more sustainable outcome.

Senator SINODINOS: Yes. Are we talking about situations where they would be covering basic literacy and numeracy?

Ms Paul: Yes. That is what I mean by foundation. Foundation is usually literacy and numeracy. It could be an adult education course or prevocational. It could be some of that with a bit more of the employability skills et cetera. It could be anything accredited under the AQF.

Senator SINODINOS: Would those foundation courses and prevocational and the like be a big proportion of what you are paying for?

Mr Watson: To give exact detail we might need to take that on notice.

Answer

For the period 1 July 2012 to 31 March 2013, 431 (or 1.98 per cent) Job Seeker Outcome Education claims made by Job Services Australia providers were for Certificate I level courses. These courses may contain prevocational and foundation type elements.