

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Question

Tasmanian Jobs Programme - discontinuation of employment

Senator O'NEILL: Did you do any assessment of the reasons that they departed?

Ms Drayton: I have not here. There would have been, as the secretary was saying, some that left because the job did not work out or fell through. Of the 36, four of them left with no reason and were subject to the Job Seeker Compliance Framework—so they went on to apply for income support that had this waiting period because they voluntarily left employment. So we know that four of the 36 voluntarily left employment. As to the 32, we would have to take that on notice.

Senator O'NEILL: Could you find out what happened to them. Was there any exit interview with them provided through the department or any other consultancy?

Ms Drayton: The provider would have been involved in terminating the agreement that was undertaken with the employer. I do not have access to that information, but we will see what we can find out for you on notice.

Senator O'NEILL: Was there any training connection provided for any of these people at the point of departure from their work? Was there any pathway to training or further opportunities to help them understand the workforce or auditing of the nature of the employer's work that was provided for them?

Ms Drayton: Again, I will have to find out that information for you. We know eight of the remaining 32 are not in receipt of any kind of income support, so we are assuming that they have gone on to different employment. We are really talking about the 24 who have come back to income support. I do not have the details that you are asking, but we will see what we can find out for you on notice.

Answer

As at May 2015, of the 36 job seekers who ceased employment prior to the 26 weeks in employment, 18 job seekers returned to income support, another 8 were in employment supplemented by income support, and 2 transferred to non-activity tested income support payments.