

# Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

### Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004220

Senator Kakoschke-Moore provided in writing.

#### Question

#### Classification of young job seekers

1. From the start of the jobactive program to date, can the Department provide:
  - a. the total number of young people between 15-19 and 20-24 who have been classified as being Stream B
  - b. the total number of young people between 15-19 and 20-24 who have been classified as being Stream C
  - c. young people between 15-19 and 20-24 classified as Stream B as a percentage of the total number of people classified as Stream B
  - d. young people between 15-19 and 20-24 classified as Stream C as a percentage of the total number of people classified as Stream C
  - e. the percentage of young people between 15-20 and 20-24 who were re-classified to a lower or higher stream?

#### Answer

1. From the start of the jobactive program to date (1 July 2015 to 31 March 2017):
  - a. (i) 60,609 job seekers aged 15-19 have been classified as being Stream B.  
(ii) 95,885 job seekers aged 20-24 have been classified as being Stream B.
  - b. (i) 11,378 job seekers aged 15-19 have been classified as being Stream C.  
(ii) 35,212 job seekers aged 20-24 have been classified as being Stream C.
  - c. (i) The 60,609 job seekers aged 15-19 in Stream B equates to 10.7 per cent of the 564,585 overall stream B job seekers during the same period.  
(ii) The 95,885 job seekers aged 20-24 in Stream B equates to 17.0 per cent of the 564,585 overall stream B job seekers during the same period.
  - d. (i) The 11,378 job seekers aged 15-19 in Stream C equates to 5.3 per cent of the 212,922 overall stream C job seekers during the same period.  
(ii) The 35,212 job seekers aged 20-24 in Stream C equates to 16.5 per cent of the 212,922 overall stream C job seekers during the same period.
  - e. (i) 15,903 job seekers aged 15-19 were reclassified to either a lower<sup>1</sup>/higher stream in this period. This represents 10.5 per cent of all job seekers aged 15-19 in jobactive during the same period.  
(ii) 16,166 job seekers aged 20-24 were reclassified to either a lower<sup>1</sup>/higher stream in this period. This represents 4.7 per cent of all job seekers aged 20-24 in jobactive during the same period.

Note 1: Job seekers that have a Job Seeker Classification Instrument Change of Circumstance Reassessment will not move to a lower stream as a result of any assessment. A job seeker with a change in core eligibility that makes them no longer a Fully Eligible Participant will move to a lower stream (from Streams A, B or C to a Stream A Volunteer). In exceptional circumstances, some job seekers may move to a lower stream where they have a special placement flag removed or where they have an expired Employment Services Assessment noting that these types of movements to a lower Stream make up a small proportion of overall Stream movements.