

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 3 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EM0100_14

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No EW0548_13

Question

Employment Barriers

Update DEEWR Question EW0548__13 for November 2013. With respect to the 10 most common barriers Identified in ESAt/JCA Reports, please identify how many jobseekers experience that barrier, both as a total and as a percentage of all jobseekers in the Stream 4 case load. Please cross tabulate by whether the job-seeker is Indigenous or not. Of all job seekers in the stream 4 caseload, please indicate how many job seekers have 1, 2, 3, 4, or over 5 employment barriers, both as a total and as a percentage of all jobseekers in the Stream 4 case load. Please cross tabulate by whether the job-seeker is Indigenous or not.

Answer

The tables below provide information on ESAt/JCA recorded barriers for the Job Services Australia Stream 4 caseload as at 30 November 2013.

Table 1 – Top 10 JSA Stream 4 job seekers barriers identified in ESAt/JCA

Barrier		Total Stream 4 job seekers	% of Stream 4 job seekers	Total Stream 4 Indigenous job seekers	% of Stream 4 Indigenous job seekers
1	Limited employment history	91,786	59%	16,239	71%
2	Limited skills/experience	63,434	41%	11,203	49%
3	Psychological/psychiatric condition	51,919	33%	5,264	23%
4	Transport	50,290	32%	10,779	47%
5	Accommodation issues	42,341	27%	7,176	31%
6	Limited job seeking skills	40,980	26%	6,576	29%
7	Limited formal education	39,376	25%	8,513	37%
8	Mood Disorders	33,157	21%	3,897	17%
9	Ex-Offender history	30,730	20%	7,336	32%
10	Limited support network	29,271	19%	3,243	14%

Note: As at 30 November 2013 there were a total of 155,461 Stream 4 job seekers and 23,026 of these were Indigenous.

Table 2 - Number of Indigenous JSA Stream 4 job seekers who have 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 or more barriers identified in ESAt/JCA

Count of Barriers Identified	Number of Stream 4 job seekers	% of stream 4 job seekers	Number of Stream 4 Indigenous job seekers	% of stream 4 Indigenous job seekers
0	743	0%	94	0%
1	486	0%	34	0%
2	2,677	2%	254	1%
3	11,966	8%	1,365	6%
4	19,414	12%	2,436	11%
5+	120,175	77%	18,843	82%

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