

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EM1540_15

Senator Rice provided in writing.

Question

Employment among disadvantaged communities and migrants

1. What does the Department do to monitor rates of employment amongst disadvantaged communities?
2. Specifically what do you do in relation to newly arrived migrants, and especially refugees?
3. Can you tell the committee what the unemployment rate of newly arrived migrants is?

Answer

1. The Department uses publicly available data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, such as the *Characteristics of Recent Migrants Survey* (Cat No. 6250.0), as well as employment outcome data from the Labour Market Assistance Outcomes report, which can be accessed at <https://employment.gov.au/labour-market-assistance-outcomes-reports>, to monitor rates of employment in disadvantaged communities.
2. The Labour Market Assistance Outcomes report monitors the employment outcomes of refugees and newly arrived migrants as part of the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse cohort. Data for this report is taken from the Post Programme Monitoring Survey and covers those who have engaged with employment services. These reports can be found and accessed at <https://employment.gov.au/labour-market-assistance-outcomes-reports>.

The Department also monitors those refugee jobseekers who have engaged with employment services. This is a reasonably small proportion and is not reported publicly.

3. The unemployment rate of recent migrants to Australia was 7.0 per cent in November 2013. (Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Characteristics of Recent Migrants Survey* (Cat No. 6250.0), November 2013)