

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EM1626_15

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Question

Restart - number of job seekers benefitted

The Government has claimed this subsidy will benefit 32,000 job seekers annually - How many job seekers has the subsidy benefitted to date? - Can the Committee be provided with a breakdown of these by state, by age, and by Stream? - How many employers does the Government expect to be paying out the subsidy to in this financial year?

Answer

The Restart programme is demand driven.

As at 25 November 2014, 510 Restart job placements have been approved (334 Job Services Australia participants; 176 Disability Employment Services participants).

As the programme is demand driven, it is difficult to predict the level of take up. The level of take up is likely to increase in the first 12 months as employers become aware of the programme.

A breakdown of data by job seeker state, age and stream is provided below.

Restart Participants by State	
NSW	169
VIC	112
QLD	132
WA	24
SA	45
TAS	25
ACT	2
NT	1
Total	510

Restart Participants by Age Group	
50 to less than 55	243
55 to less than 60	146
60 to less than 65	114
65 and over	7
Total	510

Restart Participants by Stream and Unemployment Duration (JSA job seekers only)			
Stream	U/E <24 months	U/E >24 months	Total
Stream 1 Limited	9	0	9
Stream 1	63	16	79
Stream 2	96	27	123
Stream 3	25	53	78
Stream 4	22	23	45
Total	215	119	334