

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EM1645_15

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Outcomes from employment programs

1. Please update Department of Employment Question No. EM0872_15.
2. Please update EW0773_12.

Answer

1 Update to EM0872_15

Original Question

Outcomes from employment programs other than Work for the Dole

Ms Drayton: The previous one, yes, Senator. So Work for the Dole numbers in the current program have certainly nowhere near as many as were in the previous program. Nor is it a default program. It is one of many that people can choose to do. So only a subset of the current work experience participants do Work for the Dole.
Senator SIEWERT: I now realise I am straying into other areas and into Senator Lines's time. I wonder if we could come back. Perhaps you could take it on notice so we can talk about later the outcomes from those other activities.
Ms Drayton: Certainly. I have them.
Senator SIEWERT: That would be good, thanks.

Updated answer

Labour market outcomes are measured three months after a job seeker exits a work experience activity. The following table from the published *Labour Market Assistance Outcomes June 2014 report* shows the work experience activity outcome rates measured in the year ending June 2014.

	Employed			Unem- ployed (%)	Not in labour force (%)	Education & training (%)	Positive outcomes ¹ (%)
	Full- Time (%)	Part- Time (%)	Total (%)				
All activities	7.5	18.6	26.1	59.6	14.3	33.0	52.3
Work for the Dole	6.6	12.8	19.4	70.2	10.4	17.5	35.6
Vocational Training	8.2	20.5	28.7	56.0	15.3	41.9	60.8

Training in Job Search Techniques	6.3	19.6	25.9	67.3	6.8	18.7	40.9
Voluntary Work	4.8	16.3	21.2	59.7	19.2	15.4	34.0
Unpaid Work Experience	27.9	14.7	42.6	49.0	8.4	18.4	57.1
Other Activity	7.5	13.8	21.3	47.5	31.3	44.1	60.1

1 – A positive outcome is achieved when a job seeker indicates they are doing paid work and/or studying/training

2 Update to EW0773_12

Original Question

Various Income Support Categories

Ms Parker: It could be overlapping. If they are on DSP and in JSA, Job Services Australia, that would overlap.

Senator SIEWERT: So it does not necessarily mean that these are all people on Newstart? We need to be clear.

Ms Parker: No, some of them would be on youth allowance and some would be on parenting payment.

Senator SIEWERT: I will not go through breaking those down to the various income support categories. Could you take that on notice?

Ms McKinnon: We can probably do that though.

Updated answer

Job Services Australia caseload by Allowance/Pension Type as at 31 August 2014

Allowance/Pension Type	Job Seeker With a Disability	Job Seeker With No Disability	Total
Newstart Allowance	188,282	417,127	605,409
Youth Allowance	15,272	86,128	101,400
Parenting Payment Single	4,500	31,758	36,258
Parenting Payment Partnered	192	1,706	1,898
Disability Support Pension	2,186	0	2,186
Non-allowee	2,660	40,047	42,707
Other Allowance	1,006	3,177	4,183
Total	214,098	579,943	794,041