

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Outcome 1 - Employment

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Work for The Dole Employment Outcomes

Please provide the latest data on the employment outcomes from WFTD. What proportion and how many people accessing WFTD were still in employment at three months and at six months? How many and what proportion are long term or very long-term unemployed people?

Answer

The Department's Post-Programme Monitoring survey measures the outcomes of Work for the Dole participants under current Work for the Dole arrangement and parameters three months after an exit from a Work for the Dole activity. The department does not measure six month outcomes following a Work for the Dole activity. The table below shows the percentage of job seekers who exited Work for the Dole and were employed in the year ending 30 June 2014. Employment rates for Work for the Dole participants include the long-term and very long-term unemployed.

	Three month employment rate
Long-term unemployed (unemployed 12+ months)	19.1%
Very long-term unemployed (unemployed 24+ months)	17.8%
Work for the Dole total	19.4%