

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome 1 - Employment**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM1648\_15**

**Senator Siewert provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Duration of unemployment and Job Services Streams**

"Provide a breakdown of duration of unemployment by aged: • 15-20; • 21-24; • 25-54, and • 55 years plus. by of Streams 1 (Limited) and Streams 1-4, and in total, of job seekers unemployed for: • less than 12 months; • 12 months to less than 24 months, • 24 to less than 36 months; • 26 months to less than 60 months, and • over 60 months."

**Answer**

**Table 1: Job Services Australia (JSA) Caseload by Age Group as at 31 August 2014**

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Caseload</b>
15-20	97,189
21-24	100,983
25-54	485,428
55+	110,441
<b>Total</b>	<b>794,041</b>

**Table 2: JSA Caseload by Age Group & Stream as at 31 August 2014**

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Eligibility Not Yet Determined</b>	<b>Stream 1 (Limited)</b>	<b>Stream 1</b>	<b>Stream 2</b>	<b>Stream 3</b>	<b>Stream 4</b>
15-20	140	461	32,419	38,925	9,234	16,010
21-24	160	1,027	43,507	24,733	12,012	19,544
25-54	1,409	7,810	181,008	98,764	89,120	107,317
55+	283	2,460	23,629	35,600	34,112	14,357
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,992</b>	<b>11,758</b>	<b>280,563</b>	<b>198,022</b>	<b>144,478</b>	<b>157,228</b>

**Table 3: JSA Caseload by Unemployment Duration Group as at 31 August 2014**

Unemployment Duration	Caseload
< 12 mths	353,594
12 mths to < 24 mths	162,449
24 mths to < 36 mths	93,445
36 mths to < 60 mths	89,002
Over 60 mths	95,551
<b>Total</b>	<b>794,041</b>

**Table 4: JSA Caseload by Unemployment Duration Group & Stream as at 31 August 2014**

Unemployment Duration	Eligibility Not Yet Determined	Stream 1 (Limited)	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	Stream 4
< 12 mths	1,342	11,706	206,361	79,647	26,064	28,474
12 mths to < 24 mths	227	12	52,513	54,763	25,417	29,517
24 mths to < 36 mths	128	7	14,167	31,265	22,563	25,315
36 mths to < 60 mths	134	6	5,490	22,432	29,931	31,009
Over 60 mths	161	27	2,032	9,915	40,503	42,913
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,992</b>	<b>11,758</b>	<b>280,563</b>	<b>198,022</b>	<b>144,478</b>	<b>157,228</b>

#### Explanatory notes

Job seekers are allocated into one of the four Streams based on their level of disadvantage in the labour market as assessed through the Job Seeker Classification Instrument and / or Employment Services Assessment.

These Streams are as follows:

- **Stream 1** – the most job ready job seekers
- **Stream 2** – job seekers with moderate barriers to employment
- **Stream 3** – job seekers with significant barriers to employment
- **Stream 4** – job seekers with severe vocational and non-vocational barriers to employment.

Some job seekers will be assessed as **Partially Eligible** if they are entitled to work in Australia, are not working more than 15 hours per week, and not studying full-time. This may include:

- job seekers who are not eligible for Income Support due to their own or partner's income
- recipients of payments such as the Age Pension, Sickness Allowance, Disability Pension (Department of Veteran Affairs) and so on
- job seekers on Income Support waiting or exclusion periods including migrants serving the two year Newly Arrived Residents Waiting Period
- certain visa holders with working rights (but not those on working holidays).

These job seekers will be eligible to access **Stream 1 (Limited)** assistance that provides access to assistance with preparing a résumé, advice on the local labour market and access to job search computers in provider or Department of Human Services' offices.

A small number of job seekers, for example those awaiting the completion of their Employment Services Assessment or those without an active Job Seeker Classification Instrument, will be in an **Eligibility to be Determined** Stream. This is generally a holding Stream until the appropriate Stream for the job seeker is finalised.