

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EM1658_15

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Job Seeker Compliance data

Update DEEWR Question EW1057_12 for 2013-14

Answer

Financial penalties incurred by job seekers by Indigenous and non-Indigenous status 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 (numbers are penalties not job seekers). Eight week payment penalty numbers that were fully or partly waived have not been omitted.

Type of Financial Penalty	Indigenous Job Seekers	Non-Indigenous Job Seekers
No Show No Pay	26,831	72,336
Reconnection	29,459	78,633
Total short financial penalties	56,290	150,969
Serious Failure – Refused a suitable job	77	683
Serious Failure – Did not commence suitable work	146	720
Serious Failure - Persistent non compliance	9,867	18,370
Total Serious Failures	10,090	19,773
Unemployment Non Payment Penalty (UNPP) – Voluntary unemployment	1581	11,644
UNPP – Unemployment due to misconduct	519	5,212
Total UNPPs	2,100	16,856
Total Financial Penalties	68,480	187,598

Financial penalties incurred by job seekers by age group 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 (numbers are penalties not job seekers). Eight week payment penalty numbers that were fully or partly waived have not been omitted.

Financial Penalties incurred	Aged under 21	Aged 21 to 30	Aged 31 to 40	Aged 41 to 54	Aged 55 and Over
No Show No Pay	25,352	43,046	18,139	11,503	1127
Reconnection	23,882	50,901	22,912	9,602	795
Total short financial penalties	49,234	93,947	41,051	21,105	1,922
Serious Failure – Refused a suitable job	124	261	151	186	38
Serious Failure – Did not commence suitable work	149	386	176	136	>20
Serious Failure - Persistent non compliance	7,212	14,444	4,752	1724	105
Total Serious Failures	7,485	15,091	5,079	2,046	162
Unemployment Non Payment Penalty (UNPP) – Voluntary unemployment	1524	5,806	2,814	2,430	651
UNPP – Unemployment due to misconduct	615	2,116	1453	1312	235
Total UNPPs	2,139	7,922	4,267	3,742	886
Total Financial Penalties	58,858	116,960	50,397	26,893	*

Note:

1. In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations of less than twenty are reported as "<20".
2. To further protect the privacy of individuals, totals that can assist with identifying individuals have been replaced with *.