

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome 1 - Employment**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM1661\_15**

**Senator Siewert provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Employment barriers**

Please update EW1045\_12 (Employment barriers)

**Answer**

The tables below provide information on ESAt/JCA recorded barriers for the Job Services Australia Stream 4 caseload as at 31 August 2014.

Table 1 – Top 10 barriers identified in the ESAt/JCA for JSA Stream 4 job seekers

Barrier		Total Stream 4 job seekers	% of Stream 4 job seekers	Total Stream 4 <b>Indigenous</b> job seekers	% of Stream 4 <b>Indigenous</b> job seekers
1	No or limited employment history	77,649	49%	13,935	61%
2	No or limited work skills	51,776	33%	9,282	41%
3	Psychological/psychiatric condition	49,891	32%	5,022	22%
4	Transport issues	43,465	28%	9,364	41%
5	Accommodation issues	40,598	26%	6,851	30%
6	No or limited formal education	32,937	21%	7,271	32%
7	No or limited job seeking skills	32,232	21%	5,319	23%
8	Mood Disorder	30,251	19%	3,652	16%
9	Ex-offender history	28,058	18%	6,622	29%
10	No or limited support network identified	25,224	16%	2,866	13%

Note: As at 31 August 2014 there were a total of 157,228 Stream 4 job seekers and 22,686 of these were Indigenous.

Table 2 - Number of JSA Stream 4 job seekers who have 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 or more barriers identified in their ESA/JCA

Count of Barriers Identified	Number of Stream 4 job seekers	% of stream 4 job seekers	Number of Stream 4 <b>Indigenous</b> job seekers	% of stream 4 <b>Indigenous</b> job seekers
0	206	0%	28	0%
1	717	0%	62	0%
2	4,548	3%	418	2%
3	33,504	21%	3,990	18%
4	22,571	14%	2,725	12%
5+	95,682	61%	15,463	68%

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