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Question

Work for the Dole commencements

Ms Leon: When we talk about a commencement, that can include the same jobseeker who commences in one program and then maybe they get some part-time work so they get out of Work for the Dole but then, if their part-time work does not continue, they might move back into Work for the Dole. We do not have a number that is about how many jobseekers. We have a number that is about how many commencements and some of those will be the same people commencing twice.

Senator O'NEILL: So, you might have counted them a couple of times?

Ms Leon: You count them as a commencement.

Senator O'NEILL: Yes, so if I commence three times I will be three units in those stats that you just gave me.

Ms Leon: We can give you a breakdown of it, but it just depends on whether you want to know how many individuals have moved in and out.

Answer

From 1 July 2015 to 30 September 2015 there were 3,326 job seekers that commenced more than once in a Work for the Dole activity.