Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000402

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Relates to previous Department of Employment Question No EM0643_13 (Department reference SQ12-001077)

Question

Employment Outcomes

For 30 June (or most appropriate date) please provide a table showing the percentage fully eligible job seekers who exited the Job Services Australia (JSA) caseload, by stream, after achieving a 26 week employment outcome and have returned to the caseload 26 weeks after the outcome was claimed. (Refer to DEEWR Question No. EW0634 13 (SQ12-001077)).

For 30 June (or most appropriate date) please provide a table showing the percentage fully eligible job seekers who exited the Job Services Australia (JSA) caseload, by stream, after achieving a 13 week employment outcome and have returned to the caseload 13 weeks after the outcome was claimed.

Using the latest available information, what percentage of job seekers who are placed in employment by a JSA provider are off welfare 13 weeks after their employment start date? What percentage of job seekers who are placed in employment by a JSA provider are off welfare 26 weeks after their employment start date?

Answer

Table 1 shows as at 30 June 2015 the percentage of fully eligible job seekers who exited the Job Services Australia caseload, by stream, after achieving a 26 week employment outcome and have returned to the caseload 26 weeks after the outcome was claimed.

Table 1: Proportion of Job Services Australia caseload returned to employment services after 26 weeks from achieving a 26 week outcome by Stream at 30 June 2015.

| Stream | Percentage returning after 26 weeks from achieving a 26 week outcome | |
|----------|--|--|
| Stream 1 | 16.8% | |
| Stream 2 | 17.5% | |
| Stream 3 | 29.4% | |
| Stream 4 | 29.9% | |

Table 2 shows as at 30 June 2015 the percentage of fully eligible job seekers who exited the Job Services Australia caseload, by stream, after achieving a 13 week employment outcome and have returned to the caseload 13 weeks after the outcome was claimed.

Table 2: Proportion of Job Services Australia caseload returned to employment services after 13 weeks from achieving a 13 week outcome by Stream at 30 June 2015.

| Stream | Percentage returning after 13 weeks from achieving a 13 week outcome | |
|----------|--|--|
| Stream 1 | 18.9% | |
| Stream 2 | 19.7% | |
| Stream 3 | 31.2% | |
| Stream 4 | 32.5% | |

Table 3 shows the following:

- the percentage of job seekers placed in employment by a Job Services Australia provider that are off income support 13 weeks after their employment start date; and
- the percentage of job seekers placed in employment by a Job Services Australia provider that are off income support 26 weeks after their employment start date.

Table 3: Proportion of job seekers who are off income support payments three and six months after job placement

| Stream | Off income support at three months* | Off income support at six months** |
|----------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Stream 1 | 47% | 56% |
| Stream 2 | 33% | 41% |
| Stream 3 | 18% | 24% |
| Stream 4 | 24% | 30% |

^{*}for job placements recorded over the year to June 2015.

Note: The table includes job placements where the job seeker was not on income support on the date of job placement.

The rate of job seekers who are off income support is higher six months than three months after job placement is because job seekers who are in part time employment or no employment at three months will by six months have:

- found new employment with working hours sufficient to move off income support or
- increased their working hours sufficient to move off income support.

^{**}for job placements recorded over the year to March 2015.