

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000409

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Duration of unemployment

Provide a breakdown of duration of unemployment by age:

- 15-20;
- 21-24;
- 25-54, and
- 55 years plus.

by Streams A, B and C, 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;
- 36 months to less than 60 months, and
- over 60 months.

Answer

The below four tables provide a breakdown of job seekers by duration of unemployment, age and Stream.

Table 1: Total jobactive Caseload by Unemployment Duration and Age Group as at 30 September 2015¹

Unemployment Duration	Age Group				Total
	15-20	21-24	25-54	55+	
Less than 12 months	41,750	42,288	183,261	36,461	303,760
12 months to less than 24 months	18,576	17,753	95,667	21,988	153,984
24 months to less than 36 months	8,507	10,430	61,767	15,225	95,929
36 months to less than 60 months	4,897	13,765	65,066	18,577	102,305
60 months and over	59	7,517	74,139	24,513	106,228
Total	73,789	91,753	479,900	116,764	762,206

¹ Total jobactive caseload data includes 2,294 job seekers who are yet to have their eligibility determined.

Eligibility to be determined is a category that includes those awaiting the completion of their Employment Services Assessment or those without an active Job Seeker Classification Instrument. This is generally a holding Stream until the appropriate Stream for the job seeker is finalised.

Table 2: jobactive Stream A² Caseload by Unemployment Duration and Age as at 30 September 2015

Unemployment Duration	Age Group				Total
	15–20	21–24	25–54	55+	
Less than 12 months	26,551	34,476	139,413	26,928	227,368
12 months to less than 24 months	7,801	11,187	54,494	12,856	86,338
24 months to less than 36 months	2,379	4,501	24,444	6,970	38,294
36 months to less than 60 months	694	3,066	13,967	5,862	23,589
60 months and over	4	666	5,822	2,056	8,548
Total	37,429	53,896	238,140	54,672	384,137

² Includes Stream A Volunteers.

Table 3: Stream B Caseload by Unemployment Duration and Age Group as at 30 September 2015

Unemployment Duration	Age Group				Total
	15–20	21–24	25–54	55+	
Less than 12 months	12,065	5,432	29,040	7,432	53,969
12 months to less than 24 months	7,218	4,012	24,316	6,603	42,149
24 months to less than 36 months	3,585	3,426	22,226	5,983	35,220
36 months to less than 60 months	1,935	5,569	29,004	9,426	45,934
60 months and over	20	2,517	32,417	16,293	51,247
Total	24,823	20,956	137,003	45,737	228,519

Table 4: Stream C Caseload by Unemployment Duration and Age Group as at 30 September 2015

Unemployment Duration	Age Group				Total
	15–20	21–24	25–54	55+	
Less than 12 months	2,969	2,187	13,662	1,785	20,603
12 months to less than 24 months	3,549	2,535	16,727	2,501	25,312
24 months to less than 36 months	2,540	2,496	15,049	2,255	22,340
36 months to less than 60 months	2,265	5,125	22,024	3,272	32,686
60 months and over	35	4,327	35,832	6,121	46,315
Total	11,358	16,670	103,294	15,934	147,256