

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 1 - Employment

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

jobactive - outcomes

Since the commencement of jobactive, how many jobseekers have:

- Entered the program, classified as A, B and C respectively
- Entered the program being unemployed for at least 12 months already
- Reached the stage where they are required to undertake mutual obligation activities including Work for the Dole (divided into those under 30 years and others)
- Been referred to mutual obligation activities, by type of activity (including Work for the Dole and wage subsidies)
- Of the above, the proportions that commenced each of those activities
- Of those who were referred but did not commence, the proportions that left income support or did not proceed with their claim
- Of those who were referred but did not commence, the proportions that were sanctioned

Answer

Table 1 below shows all job seekers who have entered jobactive in Stream A, B or C between 1 July 2015 and 30 September 2015 (including job seekers who may have exited jobactive and therefore are not on the caseload as at 30 September 2015). The total jobactive caseload as at 30 September 2015 was 762,206 job seekers.

Table 1: Job seekers who entered jobactive by Stream – 1 July 2015 to 30 September 2015

Stream type	Number of job seekers who entered jobactive between 1 July 2015 to 30 September 2015
Stream A*	524,721
Stream B	258,183
Stream C	159,194
Total	942,098

*Includes Stream A Volunteers.

There were 459,893 job seekers who entered jobactive who were unemployed for 12 months or more. This is made up almost entirely of job seekers who transitioned from Job Services Australia to jobactive.

All job seekers receiving an activity tested income support payment have mutual obligation requirements in jobactive. There were 217,722 job seekers who were required to meet an

Annual Activity Requirement (a specific type of mutual obligation requirement) between 1 July and 30 September 2015. Of these, 75,066 were less than 30 years old and 142,656 were 30 years old or more.

The range of approved activities that job seekers may undertake to meet their Annual Activity Requirement does not include wage subsidies. Wage subsidies are payments to encourage businesses to employ eligible job seekers.

Of the 217,722 job seekers, 119,895 were referred to an activity to meet their Annual Activity Requirement (see Table 2), noting that a job seeker can be referred to more than one activity

Note that as some job seekers will have been referred to more than one activity, the sum of the activity types will be greater than the total number of job seekers referred.

Table 2: Job seekers referred to each individual activity type

Activity Type	Job seekers referred
Work for the Dole	50,634
Part-time/Casual Paid Employment	50,467
Accredited Education and Training (Vocational)	15,956
Interventions/Non Vocational Assistance	7,182
Voluntary Work in community/non-profit sector	2,760
Other Government Programmes	4,069
Unpaid Work Experience	191
Defence Force	24

Table 3 provides the proportion of job seekers that commenced each activity type.

Table 3: The proportion of job seekers commenced in each individual activity type

Activity Type	Proportion of job seekers commenced
Work for the Dole	73.0%
Part-time/Casual Paid Employment	98.3%
Accredited Education and Training (Vocational)	94.7%
Interventions/Non Vocational Assistance	93.2%
Voluntary Work in community/non-profit sector	93.2%
Other Government Programmes	68.4%
Unpaid Work Experience	90.6%
Defence Force	100.0%

Of the job seekers who were referred to an activity but did not commence and were receiving some form of income support at the time they were referred, 20.3 per cent were not receiving any kind of income support payment at 30 September 2015.

Of the job seekers who were referred to an activity but did not commence 13.1 per cent had a penalty applied under the job seeker compliance framework following their referral up until 30 September 2015.