

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000832

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

jobactive - medical suspension

Please provide the number of people participating in Jobactive who have been granted a temporary medical suspension for each Stream. Please provide for 14-15, 15-16 & year to date

Please provide the number of people participating in Jobactive who have been granted a temporary medical suspension more than once for each Stream. Please provide for 14-15, 15-16 & year to date.

Answer

jobactive Temporary Medical Suspensions – 1 July 2015 to 25 October 2016

Table 1: Unique jobactive job seekers granted a temporary medical suspension by Stream and financial year

Stream	2015-16 FY	2016-17 Year to Date
Stream A*	86,772	36,857
Stream B	67,732	33,520
Stream C	59,694	28,052

Source: Department of Employment administrative data

* The count of Stream A job seekers includes Stream A (Volunteers)

Note: These figures include instances of multiple suspensions for the same job seeker. This could be because job seekers may have changed streams during a financial year, or may have been granted a temporary medical suspension in 2015–16 and a separate period of temporary medical suspension in 2016–17.

Table 2: Unique jobactive job seekers granted more than one temporary medical suspension by Stream and financial year.

Stream	2015-16 FY	2016-17 Year to Date
Stream A*	34,294	7,832
Stream B	27,779	6,626
Stream C	28,793	5,502

Source: Department of Employment administrative data

* The count of Stream A job seekers includes Stream A (Volunteers)

Note:

- Data in Table 2 is a subset of the data in Table 1.
- Job seekers may be counted more than once in Table 2 where they changed streams during a financial year, or were granted a temporary medical suspension in 2015–16 and a separate period of temporary medical suspension in 2016–17.

Job Services Australia Temporary Medical Suspensions – 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

Table 3: Unique Job Services Australia job seekers were granted a temporary medical suspension by Stream in 2014-15.

Stream	2014-15 FY
Stream 1*	48,986
Stream 2	38,411
Stream 3	35,801
Stream 4	49,127

Source: Department of Employment administrative data

*The count of Stream 1 job seekers includes Stream 1 (Limited) job seekers

Note: These figures include instances of multiple suspensions for the same job seeker. This could be because job seekers may have changed streams during the financial year.

Table 4: Unique Job Services Australia job seekers who were granted more than one temporary medical suspension by Stream in 2014-15

Stream	2014-15 FY
Stream 1*	16,801
Stream 2	12,874
Stream 3	13,100
Stream 4	19,416

Source: Department of Employment administrative data

* The count of Stream 1 job seekers includes Stream 1 (Limited) job seekers

Note:

- Data in Table 4 is a subset of the data in Table 3.
- Job seekers may be counted more than once in Table 4 where they changed streams during the financial year.