

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000836

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Relates to previous Employment Question No EMSQ16-000186

Question

Penalties applied by vulnerability indicators

Please provide the number of 'no show, no pay' penalties & 8 week suspensions applied by vulnerability indicators.

Answer

The following table shows a breakdown of 'no show, no pay' penalties and eight week non-payment penalties (NPPs) incurred by job seekers by type of Vulnerability Indicator (VI) for 2015-16.

Type of Vulnerability Indicator	'No Show, No Pay' Penalties	8 Week NPPs
Cognitive or neurological impairment	515	53
Drug/alcohol dependent	4,738	550
Homelessness	3,402	325
Illness/injury requiring frequent treatment	1,458	142
Job seeker in transition	1,523	188
Nationally approved vulnerability	33	<20
Psychiatric problems or mental illness	3,532	295
Recent traumatic relationship breakdown	398	37
Released prisoner (in jail for more than 14 days)	3,361	298
Served an 8 week NPP in the previous 12 months	315	172
Significant caring responsibilities	414	54
Significant lack of literacy and language skills	11,691	1,804

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data (DSS Extract).

Note:

1. A job seeker can have more than one VI. 'No Show, No Pay' Penalties and 8 Week NPPs are counted once per VI type, hence totals won't match overall VI total.
2. In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than twenty are reported as <20.