

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Question

Job seekers exiting Work for the Dole prior to six months

Senator CAMERON: Have you got figures on that? How many actually enter Work for the Dole and how many leave prior to six months with a job?

Mr Hehir: We have a job placement figure. Of those who left their Work for the Dole activity during that period about 28.3 per cent had a job placement recorded during the period from when they commenced in the activity till three months after they left the activity.

Ms Leon: But we do not have that with us at least, I do not think, as to how long they were in Work for the Dole before they exited.

Mr Hehir: No, we don't.

Senator CAMERON: But do you keep that figure? Surely you do.

Mr Hehir: We would need to examine the data.

Senator CAMERON: Could you on notice examine the data, provide details of how many people exited prior to the six months, when they exited to go to a full-time job and how long they stayed in that job to your knowledge?

Ms Leon: We will not necessarily know how long they stayed in a job, because if they leave employment services because they have got a job then we do not necessarily have to track them anymore. We do not survey them again more than three months later.

Answer

As at 1 September 2016, 91,274 job seekers had exited Work for the Dole since 1 July 2015 prior to completing six months in Work for the Dole.

Of these job seekers, 26,169 had a job placement during or within three months after leaving their Work for the Dole activity. By 1 September 2016 for these job seekers:

- 9,166 12-week outcomes were claimed (of 15,453 placements potentially eligible) and
- 3,409 26-week outcomes were achieved (of 8,348 placements potentially eligible).

The outcomes data used for this response does not distinguish between full-time and part-time employment.