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Question:

Senator Scullion: Insofar as I can clarify my remarks about the failure, by observation and by statistics—and, if you would like the statistics, we perhaps can take some of those on notice—but certainly by observation—

Senator SIEWERT: Yes, we would like the statistics.

Senator Scullion: with the implementation of RJCP and the closure of CDEP, a lot of people who were on CDEP did not re-engage with RJCP and, in fact, they went back onto passive welfare. We will see if we can find some statistics to support that.

Senator SIEWERT: If you could, that would be good.

Answer:

At 30 June 2013 there were 10,679 CDEP participants in remote Australia undertaking activities. On 1 July 2013, these CDEP participants transitioned into the RJCP.

By the end of December 2013, 8,212 (77%) former CDEP job seekers had commenced in RJCP. Of these, 4,193 were recorded as participating in activities, with just 2,408 in more formal structured activities.