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Senator: Siewert, Rachel

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Question:

Senator SIEWERT: What were the numbers when the program started at the beginning of July 2015?

Ms Williams: Sorry, I do not have that number in front of me. From memory, it was around 36,000.

Senator SIEWERT: So there has been a decrease?

Ms Williams: Yes.

Senator SIEWERT: What was the decrease—

Ms Williams: The case load tends to go up and down. It tends to sit at around the 33,000 to 36,000 mark—35,000 or thereabouts—and people go on and off the case load, obviously for a range of different reasons.

Mr Eccles: Including achieving employment. We do have some statistics. It is in the order of 10,000 people have gone from the CDP case load into employment.

Senator SIEWERT: Are there any statistics on that work? Mr Eccles: On the type of work?

Senator SIEWERT: Yes.

Mr Eccles: No, I do not know what type of work. We might need to take that one away and drill down a little bit more.

Senator SIEWERT: What is part time; what is full time; whether that 10,000 is totally off or whether they have done some work and came back on.

Mr Eccles: Of the 10,000, we know that very close to 4,000 in the past 12 months—it is a 12-month figure; we will get the precise figures—have hit a 26-week employment outcome. A significant proportion of those have hit the 26 weeks within the financial year. They are sticking, so to speak, in the employment—

Senator SIEWERT: Could you take on notice, if you can, giving, as close as you can, locations or at least states?

Ms Williams: Certainly, we can look into that. We will also take it on notice the breakdown between part-time and full-time employment.

Answer:

Employment commencements achieved under Community Development Programme (CDP) to 30 September 2016:

Employment Type	Employment Commencements	% per Type
Full Time	1,627	15.4%
Part Time	1,523	14.4%
Casual	7,404	70.2%
Total	10,554	100.0%

Over the period, job seekers have achieved 3,433 26-week employment outcomes to date.

26 Week outcomes achieved under CDP by state and financial year to 30 September 2016:

State	26 Week Employment Outcomes		
	2015-2016	2016-2017	Total
NSW and Qld*	976	239	1,215
NT	843	243	1,086
SA	218	63	281
WA	723	128	851
Total	2760	673	3,433

* NSW and QLD have been merged together to protect the identities of the smaller number of communities and service provider working with CDP in NSW