

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

**Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy**

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**Senator Abetz provided in writing.**

**Question**

**DISABILITY MANAGEMENT SERVICE**

1. Can the Department advise how many job seekers are in the Disability Management Service?
2. Can the Department advise how many job seekers are in the Employment Support Service?
3. What is the average duration of unemployment for a job seeker in each programme?
4. Can the Department provide caseloads for each stream within these programmes?
5. How many DES job seekers are in receipt of a Supported Wage System productivity-based wage?

**Answer**

1. As at 31 December 2010 there were 63,840 job seekers participating in the Disability Management Service (DMS).
2. There were also 76,959 job seekers participating in the Employment Support Service (ESS) at this date.
3. As at 31 December 2010 the average duration of unemployment for Disability Management Service (DMS) was 164 days and 181 days for Employment Support Service (ESS).
4. The Disability Employment Services programs are further divided into funding levels based on the degree of assistance required. These funding levels are not usually referred to as streams but could be considered that way, so the following breakdowns of caseload numbers by funding level as at 31 December have been provided. In DMS there are two levels with 49,656 participants allocated funding level 1 and 194 participants in job-in-jeopardy. For ESS there are three funding levels with 29,979 participants in funding level 1, a further 22,619 participants in funding level 2, and 448 participants in job-in-jeopardy. Participants not commenced, currently suspended and those in ongoing support are not included in these numbers.
5. As at 31 December 2010, there were approximately 4,000 DES participants receiving a Supported Wage System productivity-based wage, under the Supported Wage System program.

