

**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

WORK EXPERIENCE EXEMPTIONS

Can the Department please provide a breakdown on the number of job seekers who have an exemption from their work experience activity by stream?

Answer

The number of job seekers with a Work Experience Activity Requirement who were exempt from participation as at 31 December 2010 was:

Stream	Number of job seekers
Stream 1	471
Stream 2	946
Stream 3	4650
Stream 4	492
Total	6 559

Only Centrelink can grant a job seeker an exemption from their activity test or participation requirements (suspending them in service).

As at 31 December 2010, the three main reasons for job seekers with a Work Experience Activity Requirement being exempted from participating were due to job seekers:

- Undertaking Part-time work;
- Participating in Voluntary Work; and
- Having temporary medical conditions.