

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

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

**Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy**

**DEEWR Question No.EW1002\_11**

**Senator Siewert provided in writing.**

**Question**

**JOB SEEKER NUMBERS AND THE NUMBER OF JOB SEEKERS WHO ARE  
EXEMPT**

Can you please provide information about the total number of job seekers and the number of job seekers who are exempt as of 1 January 2011?

**Answer**

The number of recipients on Newstart Allowance, Youth Allowance (other) and Parenting Payment with activity test requirements as at 31 December 2010 was 758 001.

The number of recipients on Newstart Allowance, Youth Allowance (other) and Parenting Payment who were exempt from activity test participation requirements due to, for example, reasons such as major personal crisis, ill health, caring responsibilities, expectant mother or jury duty, as at 31 December 2010 was 63 198.