Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2010-2011

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

DEEWR Question No.EW1007_11

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

COMPLIANCE DATA - EIGHT WEEK NON-PAYMENT PENALTY

- 1. Can you please provide information for the period 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010 on the number of people with an eight week non-payment penalty?
- 2. Can you please break down the data by the reason for the non-payment period (such as those found to be wilfully and consistently non-compliant, refused a suitable job offer, voluntarily left employment, etc.)?

Answer

Between 1 July 2010 and 31 December 2010, 9234 job seekers received one or more eight week non-payment periods.

Reason for Eight Week Non-Payment Period	Job Seekers
Job seeker failed to commence in a suitable job	214
Job seeker refused suitable job offer	219
Job seeker demonstrated wilful and persistent	1831
non-compliance	
Job seeker was dismissed from job due to	2175
misconduct	
Job seeker left a suitable job voluntarily	4795
Total	9234

*Data Source: DEEWR administrative data.