

**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 Siewert provided in writing.

Question

NO SHOW, NO PAY PENALTIES

Can you please provide the number of 'No show No pay' penalties for the period 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010, indicating number of days served per event (e.g. 1 day; 500 recipients; 2 days, 300 recipients, etc.)?

Answer

Between 1 July and 31 December 2010, 17 322 No Show, No Pay penalties were applied.

Each day that a job seeker is absent from an activity without a Reasonable Excuse is treated as a separate No Show, No Pay failure whether or not the missed days are consecutive or relate to the same event or activity.

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations does not have readily accessible data on the number of days per single event of non-attendance where job seekers receive multiple No Show, No Pay failures. It would therefore be an unreasonable diversion of the Department's resources to obtain this information.