

## Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2010-2011

#### Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

#### DEEWR Question No. EW0138\_11

Senator Siewert on the 2 June 2010 provided in writing:

#### Question

#### Compliance Data

"On Monday I asked about compliance data and the Department said that would take the question on notice and asked me to provide more detail on the groups I want. They said they would give me the data from 1 July 2009 to 31 Dec 2009 and provide the next quarter later. I'm after the number of 8 week penalties & No show no pay penalties Broken down by: Age, Gender, indigenous/non-indigenous, Payment type & Type of failure

Also the number of people on

- 'working off' provisions
- hardship provisions
- number of appeals broken down into those that were successful and not successful".

#### Answer

#### **The number of 8 week penalties & No Show No Pay penalties broken down by: Age, Gender, indigenous/non-indigenous, Payment type & Type of failure**

The job seeker compliance data on the DEEWR website [www.deewr.gov.au](http://www.deewr.gov.au) contains data in the requested categories for eight week non payment periods and No Show No Pay penalties for the period 1 July 2009 to 31 March 2010.

#### **Number of people who have 'worked off' a penalty**

For the period 1 July 2009 to 31 March 2010, 206 job seekers undertook a compliance activity in lieu of serving an eight week non-payment penalty (i.e: 'worked off' a penalty).

#### **Number of people who had a penalty waived due to hardship**

For the period 1 July 2009 to 31 March 2010, 1354 job seekers had an eight week non-payment penalty waived due to hardship.

#### **Number of appeals broken down into those that were successful and not successful**

For the period 1 July 2009 to 31 March 2010, there were 252 job seeker compliance related appeals reviewed by the Social Security Appeals Tribunal (SSAT). The original decision was upheld in the majority of these appeals with 61 of the appeals resulting in the original decision being set aside and two resulted in the original decision being varied. Of the 252 appeals reviewed by the SSAT, review by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal was sought for 11 matters of which two had the decision set aside by consent and two had the decision varied by consent.