

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0326\_12**

**Senator Abetz asked on 31/05/2011, Hansard page 27.**

**Question**

***Average Unemployment Duration By Stream***

Senator ABETZ: Do we have an average duration of unemployment for stream 1 jobseekers?

Ms McKinnon: Stream 1 jobseekers, there were 54,900 at 3 2011; there were 27,840 at 12 months duration of unemployment.

Ms Paul: He has asked for the average duration by stream. Ms McKinnon: I beg your pardon. How long are they unemployed? We will have to take that on notice.

Senator ABETZ: Take that on notice, thank you. Also, if you can take that on notice for stream 2 and, indeed, all the streams, please.

**Answer**

The average unemployment durations (at 31 May 2011) by stream are shown in the following table.

<b>Stream</b>	<b>Average Unemployment Duration Weeks</b>
<b>Stream 1</b>	27.1
<b>Stream 2</b>	54.7
<b>Stream 3</b>	172.8
<b>Stream 4</b>	159.5