

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

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

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

DEEWR Question No.EW0329_12

Senator Abetz asked on 31/05/2011, Hansard page 29.

Refers to DEEWR Question number [EW0331_12](#).

Question

Work For The Dole - Numbers Failing To Identify A Work Experience Activity

Senator ABETZ: How many job seekers have failed to identify a work experience activity which has then resulted— Ms Paul: In them being directed into Work for the Dole? Ms Laker: I will have to take that on notice.

Answer

Details of the numbers of job seekers commencing into work experience activities, including Work for the Dole, are provided at [Attachment A](#) to [EW0331_12](#). This includes both voluntary and compulsory commencements.

Job Services Australia providers must ensure that within eight weeks of commencing in the Work Experience Phase, job seekers commence in a work experience activity. Where a job seeker does not commence participating in a required work experience activity, the Job Services Australia provider can submit a participation report. Where Centrelink determines that the job seeker does not have a reasonable excuse for failing to participate, the job seeker will incur a financial penalty.