

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Abetz asked on 31/05/2011, Hansard page 37.

Question

Productivity Places Program – Qualifications Gained and Withdrawals by Reason

Senator ABETZ: Did all the of the productivity places job seekers achieve a qualification?

Ms Paul: I think we would have to take that on notice.

Senator ABETZ: All right, take that on notice and if the answer is no, then what percentage, please?

Ms Paul: It would depend on whether or not they complete. For example, someone might not complete because they get a job. I think we will be able to give the number on completion.

Senator ABETZ: It should be, in fairness, those that—

Ms Paul: Because they are all doing accredited training.

Senator ABETZ: completed the program, yes. If you can also tell us how many withdrew and for what reasons, because if they were all getting jobs, that would be great.

Answer

1. Did all of the productivity places job seekers achieve a qualification? If no, what percentage?

Under the Productivity Placements Program reporting arrangements, State and Territory governments are not required to provide data on completions. However Tasmania, Northern Territory, South Australia and New South Wales have provided completion data.

Data from these jurisdictions and Australian Government delivery shows that as at 31 March 2011, 93 741 job seekers had been reported as completing training under the Program.

The latest data available from the jurisdictions is at 31 March 2011.

2. How many withdrew and for what reasons?

The state and territory governments assumed delivery of job seeker training places under the Productivity Places Program in January 2009. Jurisdictions report on qualification commencements and course enrolments only. Therefore data for withdrawals is not available.

The Department can provide data for job seeker training places under the Australian Government delivery component of the program which was administered by the Department. This data is available to 30 June 2011. Please see response in EW0401_12.