

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

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

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Fifield asked on 31/05/2011, Hansard page 87.

Question

Newstart - Recipients Payments Suspended Due To Participation Failure

Senator FIFIELD: How many Newstart recipients have had their payments suspended due to participation failures in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11?

Answer

The table below outlines the number of job seekers in receipt of Newstart Allowance who incurred one or more financial penalties due to participation failures.

2008-09	2009-10	1 July 2010-31 March 2011
17 051	17 433	29 119

Data Source: DEEWR administrative data.

Notes

- If a job seeker incurred two or more financial penalties within a financial year then they are counted only once in relation to that financial year.