

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

Job seekers not undertaken a work experience activity

Senator CASH: Of the job seekers who have been unemployed for two years or more, how many have not undertaken a work experience activity? Ms Drayton: We will have to take that one on notice. Ms Parker: I think it would only be those who were exempted. They are required to do work experience after they have been with Job Services Australia for 12 months. So it would be only those who have a medical or other type of exemption. Senator CASH: Are we able to get figures, then, on how many are within the exemptions? Ms Parker: Those who have not done work experience? Senator CASH: Correct. Ms Parker: We will come back to you on that.

Answer

On 14 June 2012, of the 166 113 job seekers commenced on the JSA caseload who had been unemployed for two years or more, 1751 (one per cent) had not yet undertaken a Work Experience Activity.

Providers receive notification of a job seeker's requirement to undertake a Work Experience Activity and must monitor participation to ensure that requirement is met. For any job seeker who does not complete this requirement, the provider must take action to remedy this. This can include action under the Job Seeker Compliance Framework.