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Question

JSA Stream 4

Ms Drayton: The two-years figure is the one that I gave you earlier—243,481. I do not have a three-year figure with me, so we will have to provide that to you on notice.

Senator CASH: My next question was in relation to those. Of those who have been unemployed for three years or more, what percentage is stream 4?

Ms Paul: We can probably do two years.

Senator CASH: That was my next question.

Ms Paul: We would probably have to take the three years on notice.

Ms Drayton: Senator, someone is going to get that figure for us.

Senator CASH: Thank you. Ms Paul alluded to my next question: of those who have been unemployed for two years or more, what percentage is stream 4?

Answer

As at 31 March 2012 158,424 job seekers on the Job Services Australia (JSA) caseload had been unemployed for 3 years or more, with 40 per cent of those being serviced in Stream 4. Of those job seekers who were unemployed for 2 years or more, 37 per cent were being serviced in Stream 4.