

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome **4**

DEEWR Question No. **EW796_10**

Senator Siewert asked Centrelink on 20 October 2009 in writing.

Question

Serious Failures

(a) What is the number of “serious failures” by reason for failure (eg. Misconduct, refused a suitable job offer)?

(b) What is the total number of “serious failures” by reason for failure (eg. Misconduct, refused a suitable job offer) by Indigenous and non-Indigenous status?

Answer

(a) For the 2008–09 financial year, 10 556 serious failures were imposed by Centrelink. Please see Attachment A for breakdown by reason for failure.

(b) Please see Attachment A for breakdown by reason for failure and Indigenous status.

Attachment A

Serious failures	Indigenou s	Non Indigenous	Total
Voluntarily unemployed - left without good reason	373	5,222	5,595
Dismissed from employment due to misconduct	212	3,522	3,734
Failed to accept suitable offer of employment	23	298	321
Failed to start job as planned	41	231	272
Unacceptable behaviour/attendance or failed to commence in Full-time Work for the Dole project	175	459	634
Total	824	9,732	10,556