

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

JOB SEEKER WORK EXPERIENCE EXEMPTIONS

How many job seekers in each stream have an exemption from a work experience activity? How frequently are these exemptions reviewed?

Answer

As at 31 August 2010, the number of job seekers with a Work Experience Activity Requirement in each stream who had an exemption was:

<i>Stream</i>	<i>Number of job seekers with an exemption</i>
Stream 1	120
Stream 2	308
Stream 3	4790
Stream 4	395
Total	5 613

Only Centrelink can grant a job seeker an exemption from their activity test or participation requirements. Centrelink determines the start and end date of the exemption.