

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

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

Outcome 4 - Employment

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Work experience phase of Job Services Australia

Please provide data on the number, characteristics, and employment outcomes of unemployed people who participated in the Work experience phase of Job Services Australia (within each Stream and overall) over the year ending March 2011, in the same format (and with the same breakdown of characteristics and outcomes) as in Table 2.1 of the latest Labour Market Assistance Outcomes publication.

Answer

The Post-Program Monitoring survey is used to measure the labour market status of job seekers who participate in department-funded employment programs and services. The employment rate for the Work Experience Phase is determined by surveying job seekers after they exit the Phase or reach 12, 24 (and so on) months participation.

Robust representative outcome estimates are dependent on there being job seekers that have reached 12 months participation in the Work Experience Phase in the reporting period. This is only the case for Streams 2 to 4, where under the Job Network to Job Services Australia transition rules, some job seekers commenced in the Work Experience Phase in 2009 or early 2010. Given the relatively small numbers of job seekers for whom outcomes can be reported, results for these streams have been combined using standard statistical techniques to allow for the estimation of the outcome rate.

Table 1 presents results for Stream 2 to 4 job seekers who participated in the Work Experience Phase in the 12 months to 31 March 2011 (with outcomes measured around three months later).

Table 1: Stream 2 to 4 combined Work Experience Phase outcomes - June 2011

	Employed full-time (%)	Employed Part-time (%)	Employed total (%)	Unemploy-ed (%)	Not in the Labour Force (%)	Education & training (%)	Positive Outcome (%)	In scope population (no.)
Age Group (Years)								
15 to 20	2.9	29.9	32.9	56.1	11.1	29.6	61.3	13 414
21 to 24	13.0	35.6	48.6	41.1	10.3	20.4	59.3	20 011
25 to 34	5.7	31.0	36.8	48.8	14.4	23.9	48.1	33 861
35 to 49	7.7	33.6	41.2	46.7	12.1	17.8	54.8	59 171
50 or more	5.6	29.6	35.2	44.2	20.6	11.5	44.1	41 690
Duration of Unemployment (Months)								
12 to less than 24	20.2	31.8	52.0	40.4	7.6	39.4	79.8	27 327
24 to less than 36	5.2	33.3	38.5	48.2	13.3	21.0	54.1	34 649
36 or more	6.9	28.5	35.5	46.3	18.2	12.1	45.2	99 349
Educational Attainment								
Less than Year 10	5.6	23.1	28.7	52.0	19.3	14.3	41.5	39 905
Year 10 or 11	5.7	34.7	40.4	42.5	17.1	10.4	49.1	60 877
Year 12	6.7	34.7	41.3	48.4	10.3	23.4	54.4	21 313
University	6.2	31.9	38.1	52.9	9.1	24.0	52.6	14 871
Vocational	9.4	32.6	42.0	42.4	15.6	21.1	58.0	31 084
Gender								
Males	8.5	23.5	32.0	50.7	17.2	14.7	44.6	90 675
Females	4.1	37.4	41.5	42.3	16.2	20.4	55.9	77 472
Equity Groups								
Disability	3.2	27.0	30.1	43.7	26.1	15.8	42.7	29 567
Indigenous	10.8	21.4	32.1	57.0	10.9	8.7	39.2	36 573
CALD	4.9	27.8	32.7	52.8	14.5	27.9	55.2	28 026
Low English Proficiency	n.p	n.p	21.0	58.8	20.2	31.4	47.8	13 066
CALD & Low English Proficiency	n.p	n.p	21.2	59.9	18.9	34.1	50.3	10 230
Sole Parents	6.8	42.4	49.2	37.1	13.6	21.2	62.5	17 166
Income Support Type								
Newstart Allowance	6.8	29.4	36.1	47.4	16.5	15.5	47.9	128 521
Youth Allowance (other)	3.5	29.9	33.4	56.2	10.4	30.9	62.9	12 056
Disability Support Pension	n.p	n.p	n.p	n.p	n.p	n.p	n.p	1 763
Parenting Payment Single	n.p	n.p	41.4	42.9	15.8	22.8	57.4	16 825
Parenting Payment Partnered	n.p	n.p	38.3	52.2	9.5	29.2	63.6	3 380
TOTAL	6.4	30.3	36.6	47.3	16.1	17.0	49.7	168 147

Not published (n.p.) indicates that sufficient data was not available to produce a reliable estimate for the particular group of job seekers.