

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 3 – Employment

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Senator Siewert asked on 17 October 2012, Hansard page 70

Question

19 per cent of the JSA caseload returned after 26 weeks

Ms Taylor: We had this discussion, senators, as you may recall. What we have found from talking with DHS is that we cannot, from the administrative data that we have at the moment, track what you were talking about—the trend. So we are looking at what we can commission to try to find out. It will not be a single data source, and one of the issues will be comparing apples with apples. But if we can use the administrative data and if we can use some of the other data, particularly some of the census data, that may indeed give us a bit more of a rich data source to do that. So our reply to you in our questions on notice will be around, 'We can't do what we think you are asking' but we will certainly try to have a look to see what we can do and do some research.

Senator SIEWERT: That would be really helpful; thank you. Of the 19 per cent and the 26 weeks, are you able to break that down into streams?

Ms Drayton: We will have to take that on notice. I am not sure. We will have to go back and have a look at what we can do with that.

Ms Parker: Yes, I think we can.

Senator SIEWERT: That would be really appreciated.

Answer

The table below shows the fully eligible job seekers who exited the Job Services Australia (JSA) caseload, by stream, after achieving a 26 week employment outcome and have returned to the caseload 26 weeks after the outcome was claimed. The data is at 31 August 2012.

**Percentage returned to JSA 26 weeks after a 26 week
employment outcome achieved**

Stream	Percentage
Stream 1	15.2%
Stream 2	15.9%
Stream 3	27.9%
Stream 4	28.5%