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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Okay—can you have a look at that. I am obviously keen to—again, I have had a lot of complaints from people who have a disability and who are on Newstart and cannot access DSP, their ability to engage with paid employment and the length of time that they are on Newstart. Out of what cohort was that 3,182?

Answer:

Based on the best available information, between 1 July 2014 and 31 December 2015, there were around 14,180 people aged under 35 who have compulsory participation requirements and who have participated in Disability Employment Services (DES) as their activity. For this group of DES participants, there were 3,182 job placements.