

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Question No: 390

Topic: Makeup of job seekers waiting for 6 month non-payment period

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Senator Siewert asked:

Of job seekers expected to wait for six months to receive unemployment payments for Stream 1 and 2:

- (a) How many and what percentage have employment barriers as identified by either ESA's or JCA's?
- (b) Provide a breakdown of the number and percentage of job seekers with 1,2,3,4 or 5 employment barriers?
- (c) Provide the number and percentage of most common employment barriers by Indigenous and non-Indigenous background.
- (d) How many have an identified Centrelink 'vulnerability indicator'?
- (e) How many have 1,2,3, 4 or more vulnerability indicators?
- (f) How many receive Carer Allowance (Adult)?
- (g) How many receive Carer Allowance (Child)?
- (h) How many receive Commonwealth Rent Assistance at the Maximum rate, the 'sharers' rate, and in total?
- (i) How many are expected to qualify for a discount of the time without payment, for 1 month, 2 months, 3 month, etc. Does this discount only apply once. If yes, explain why?

Answer:

(a)-(c) The Department does not currently have this information and to answer this question would require a significant diversion of resources.

(d) At 28 March 2014 there were approximately 3120 jobseekers under 30 on Youth Allowance (other) or Newstart with an identified Centrelink 'vulnerability indicator'.

(e) The below table indicates the number of stream 1 and 2 recipients, who were assessed as 'job ready', with 1, 2, 3, 4 or more vulnerability indicators at 28 March 2014:

vulnerability indicators	0	1	2	3	4
number of stream 1 and 2 recipients	149549	2795	270	35	<20

(f) At 28 March 2014 there were 169 jobseekers under 30 on Youth Allowance (other) or Newstart that received Carer Allowance (Adult).

(g) At 28 March 2014 there were less than 20 jobseekers under 30 on Youth Allowance (other) or Newstart that received Carer Allowance (child).

(h) The Department does not currently have this information and to answer this question would require a significant diversion of resources.

(i) The Department does not currently have this information. This discount is only available once. This was a decision of Government.