

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

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

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

THE NTER MONITORING REPORT - JOB PLACEMENTS

Of the 46% increase in Job Placements (Jan to June 2010 = 849) over previous 6 months (July to Dec 2009 =582) 1. How does this figure of placements compare to the number of prospective clients in prescribed communities? 2. How does this compare to the placement rates of JSA providers in other areas? 3. Do you have a measure of the success rate of Job Placements?

Answer

At 30 June 2010, there were 8,943 job seekers registered with Job Services Australia in the 73 prescribed communities.

Data are available on the number of job placements recorded by Job Services Australia providers; however, the Department does not use these to report job placement rates. Reasons for this include the variability in the quality and duration of job vacancies from location to location and difficulty in determining a denominator to be used for such a calculation. It should be noted that individual job seekers can move between different locations and labour markets over time and can have multiple job placements. Noting these limitations, departmental data for the period 1 January to 30 June 2010 show that 4,299 job placements were recorded for remote area job seekers across Australia and, on 30 June 2010, there were 34,233 remote area job seekers registered with Job Services Australia.

Program effectiveness is measured by the Department's Post-Program Monitoring (PPM) survey which, for job placements, measures job seeker outcomes three months after a placement is recorded. Disaggregation of PPM results to report outcomes for the prescribed communities is not possible, as there are insufficient survey responses available to allow for the calculation of robust outcome estimates.