

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

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

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Question

INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF JOB PLACEMENTS

Senator SIEWERT—I go back to the issue of the increase in the number of job placements. Is it possible to know how many of those were churn? We have had a discussion previously which I am not going to revisit, but it was about the 13 weeks, 26 weeks et cetera and how many of those and other short-term jobs were churn. (Ms Wood)—Are you asking whether the people who made up that extra 46 per cent had had a placement before? Senator SIEWERT—Yes. (Ms Wood)—We can take that on notice. Senator SIEWERT—Thank you.

Answer

A total of 808 job seekers were placed in the 849 job placements recorded in the prescribed communities between 1 January and 30 June 2010. Of the 808 job seekers who were placed in jobs between January and June 2010, 62 had also been placed in jobs during the period 1 July and 31 December 2009.

Not all job placements are for long term or permanent employment. Job seekers may be placed in work a number of times before securing sustainable employment. Employment service providers encourage job seekers to accept short term and casual employment to build skills and work habits and demonstrate to prospective employers a willingness to work.