

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

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Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004007

Senator Marshall provided in writing.

Relates to previous Employment Question No EMSQ16-000827

Question

jobactive - Size of businesses and stream classification

We asked about this in the previous Estimates, but it would be helpful to obtain a more specific answer: What is the ratio of small/medium enterprises (SMEs) to big businesses that take on job seekers referred to them by employment service providers?

According to the Department's table in QoN (EMSQ16-000827), there were 18,685 people considered Stream A job seekers that had reached 36 months of servicing in jobactive. If they are in the system for 36 months should they be reclassified to receive more help at the Stream B or C levels?

Answer

Data are not available on job seekers placed with employers by the size of the employer.

A job seeker's servicing Stream is determined by using the Job Seeker Classification Instrument (JSCI) and where needed an Employment Services Assessment (ESAt).

The job seeker's recent work experience and duration of income support are included in the factors taken into account when determining the JSCI score.

The individual's relative disadvantage in relation to the labour market, and therefore the appropriate servicing Stream, relates to the combination of all these factors rather than a change to any single factor.

An ESAt is required for referral to Stream C.