

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Question

Outcomes from employment programs other than Work for the Dole

Ms Drayton: The previous one, yes, Senator. So Work for the Dole numbers in the current program have certainly nowhere near as many as were in the previous program. Nor is it a default program. It is one of many that people can choose to do. So only a subset of the current work experience participants do Work for the Dole.

Senator SIEWERT: I now realise I am straying into other areas and into Senator Lines's time. I wonder if we could come back. Perhaps you could take it on notice so we can talk about later the outcomes from those other activities. Ms Drayton: Certainly. I have them. Senator SIEWERT: That would be good, thanks.

Answer

Labour market outcomes are measured three months after a job seeker exits a work experience activity. The following table from the published *Labour Market Assistance Outcomes December 2013 report* shows the work experience activity outcome rates measured in the year ending December 2013.

	Employed			Unem- ployed (%)	Not in labour force (%)	Education & training (%)	Positive outcomes ¹ (%)
	Full- Time (%)	Part- Time (%)	Total (%)				
All activities	7.2	19.8	27.0	59.1	14.0	33.8	53.6
Work for the Dole	5.9	15.7	21.5	67.9	10.6	18.5	38.1
Training	7.6	21.9	29.4	55.2	15.4	42.6	61.7
Training in Job Search Techniques	6.6	19.9	26.5	68.0	5.5	19.6	42.2
Voluntary Work	3.8	17.0	20.9	61.6	17.6	14.7	33.0
Unpaid Work Experience	13.5	29.5	43.0	47.6	9.5	27.1	59.8
Other Activity	9.3	15.1	24.4	47.0	28.6	42.9	61.2

1 – A positive outcome is achieved when a job seeker indicates they are doing paid work and/or studying/training