

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

#### **Outcome 1 - Employment**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000771**

**Senator Siewert asked on 06 May 2016 on proof Hansard page 13**

#### **Question**

##### **Percentage of unemployed young people who have not worked before**

Mr Hehir: As the secretary said, the first stage of the path is the preparation—that is, the pre-employment training. There are approximately 100,000 young people who are unemployed who have never worked before. That is close to the highest. It is not quite the highest, but it is close to the highest that it has been since the data started being recorded by the ABS.

Senator SIEWERT: Is that percentage-wise or is it a number?

Mr Hehir: It is a number.

Senator SIEWERT: Yes, well, of course: the population is growing.

Mr Hehir: I will get a percentage.

#### **Answer**

In May 2016, there were 104,800 unemployed young people (aged 15 to 24) who had never worked before.

As a percentage of all young people in Australia, as at May 2016, 3.3 per cent were unemployed who had never worked before.

These figures were sourced from unpublished ABS data on reasons for unemployment from the ABS Labour Force Survey, purchased by the Department of Employment.