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Question

Employment status of Work for the Dole participants

Senator CAMERON: How many are in full-time employment?

Mr Hehir: I do not have that data in front of me.

Senator CAMERON: Do you have that figure? Do you monitor that figure?

Mr Hehir: I would need to check and see what information we record. We will have the record of a job placement and we will have a record of how much the benefit will have been reduced, but I will need to check whether we can access the hours worked. We work on a system of: if the benefit is reduced to an outcomes provider, we focus on that part. I will check to see whether we can access the hours worked.

Senator CAMERON: Okay, so perhaps you can try to find out and give us some details on how many are in full-time employment and how many are in part-time employment.

Answer

- The Post Program Monitoring survey measures the labour market status and education status of the surveyed job seekers three months after they have taken part in a Work for the Dole activity.
- jobactive began on 1 July 2015, with job seekers progressively starting after that date in up to six months of Work for the Dole. The employment rates are subject to seasonality, so twelve months of data is required to provide a comprehensive picture of what happens to job seekers after they have participated in Work for the Dole.
- Of the job seekers who participated in Work for the Dole between 1 July 2015 and 31 March 2016, 27.7 per cent were in employment, when surveyed three months later.
- 11.7 per cent reported they were employed on a full time basis.
- 16.0 per cent reported they were employed on a part time basis.