

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 1 - Employment

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

jobactive - stream classifications

Throughout the first 12 months of jobactive, how many jobseekers are estimated to:

- Be classified as stream A, B and C respectively
- Reach the stage where they are required to undertake mutual obligation activities including Work for the Dole (divided into young people under 29 and others)

Answer

The Request For Tender provided an estimation that at the start of jobactive, approximately 55 per cent of job seekers would be in Stream A, 28 per cent in Stream B and 17 per cent in Stream C. Figures as at the commencement of jobactive on 1 July 2015 and three months after commencement on 30 September 2015 indicate that the proportion of job seekers in Stream B and Stream C are slightly more than anticipated but within the vicinity of the estimated figures (51 per cent of job seekers in Stream A, 30 per cent in Stream B and 19 per cent in Stream C, as at 30 September 2015).

It should be noted that jobactive is a demand driven model, able to respond quickly to changes in macroeconomic conditions impacting the labour market. For example, in times of economic downturn the proportion of Stream A job seekers will increase reflecting the entry of more job ready job seekers seeking work into the labour market.

Work for the Dole is the principal activity (that is, the default activity where another activity is not organised or being undertaken) for those with an Annual Activity Requirement in the Work for the Dole phase. Based on experience to date 42 per cent of commencements in Work for the Dole are aged under 30.