

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

#### Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000472

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Relates to previous Department of Employment Question No EW1057\_12 (*Department reference SQ12-000101*)

#### Question

##### Job seeker compliance data

Update DEEWR Question EW1057\_12 for 2013-14.

How many eight week and smaller financial penalties were actually served by job seekers, in 2014-15?

How many eight week and smaller financial penalties were actually served by non-Indigenous job seekers, in 2014-15?

How many eight week and smaller financial penalties were actually served by Indigenous job seekers, in 2014-15?

#### Answer

The following table shows financial penalties incurred by all job seekers, Indigenous job seekers and non-Indigenous job seekers for the period 2014–2015. Eight week payment penalty numbers that were fully or partly waived have not been omitted.

| Financial Penalty | Cohort          | Served  |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------|
| 8 week NPPs       | All job seekers | 16,268  |
| Short Financial   | All job seekers | 222,821 |
| 8 week NPPs       | Non Indigenous  | 13,452  |
| Short Financial   | Non Indigenous  | 145,953 |
| 8 week NPPs       | Indigenous      | 2,816   |
| Short Financial   | Indigenous      | 76,868  |

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data (DSS Blue Book dataset).