

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** Siewert, Rachel

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**Question:**

Senator SIEWERT: I am finding it impossible to actually have any clarity around what is, in that case, being classed as a serious failure.

Ms Williams: I think it would probably be best if we provided you with an update of that table. We do have new data that we can use to do that. And in doing that what we will do is we will provide an explanation of what that breakdown around serious failure is comprised of.

Senator SIEWERT: The one, for example—and if you could do it for all of them—where they do not correlate.

Ms Williams: Yes, absolutely.

Senator SIEWERT: Because, quite frankly, it is useless. I do not know what to believe.

Senator Scullion: Can we take that on notice. Perhaps for later today on the chunky bits. I appreciate if that is not—

**Answer:**

A further explanation of the data outlined in Table A of response to QoN202, Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 – 2017, was provided on at the Additional Estimates hearing on Friday 3 March 2017, as follows:

“The table separately identifies “Serious failures” and “CCAs (Comprehensive Compliance Assessments)” because serious failures can apply either as an outcome of a CCA, or through the job seeker refusing to commence or accept a suitable job offer. Together, these figures reflect the total applied serious failure penalties (18,961), as provided in answer to Part 3 of QoN 202 Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 – 2017.

Since then, Table A of QoN202, Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 – 2017 has been updated to reflect current quarterly report data (1 October 2016 – 31 December 2016) and the total number of applied serious failure penalties (refer to [Attachment A](#)).

**Attachment A: Quarterly financial penalties and suspensions applied to CDP job seekers (from 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2016)**

Quarters for 15-16 FY	Financial Penalty Type	WA	SA	NSW & QLD	NT	NATIONAL
Jul 15 - Sept 15	No Show No Pay	2,088	846	4,911	6,553	14,398
	Non-Attendance Failures	<20	<20	<20	<20	47
	Reconnection	<20	<20	<20	<20	32
	Serious failures (including Comprehensive Compliance Assessment triggered)	202	49	533	864	1,648
	Unemployment Non Payment Periods	<20	<20	<20	25	53
	<b>Total Financial Penalty events</b>	<b>2,315</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>5,475</b>	<b>7,477</b>	<b>16,178</b>
Oct 15 - Dec 15	No Show No Pay	4,650	2,316	8,798	14,365	30,129
	Non-Attendance Failures	88	<20	26	73	193
	Reconnection	np	<20	<20	61	105
	Serious failures (including Comprehensive Compliance Assessment triggered)	413	383	1,202	2,154	4,152
	Unemployment Non-Payment Periods	<20	<20	<20	21	50
	<b>Total Financial Penalty events</b>	<b>5,186</b>	<b>2,716</b>	<b>10,053</b>	<b>16,674</b>	<b>34,629</b>
Jan 16 - Mar 16	No Show No Pay	7,905	2,211	10,063	19,841	40,020
	Non-Attendance Failures	57	<20	<20	213	282
	Reconnection	np	<20	<20	126	171
	Serious failures (including Comprehensive Compliance Assessment triggered)	745	373	1,462	3,095	5,675
	Unemployment Non-Payment Periods	<20	<20	<20	21	35
	<b>Total Financial Penalty events</b>	<b>8,742</b>	<b>2,590</b>	<b>11,555</b>	<b>23,296</b>	<b>46,183</b>
Apr 16 - Jun 16	No Show No Pay	8,019	2,017	9,089	22,070	41,195
	Non-Attendance Failures	<20	<20	np	126	153
	Reconnection	117	54	71	537	779
	Serious failures (including Comprehensive Compliance Assessment triggered)	1,229	404	1,546	4,307	7,486
	Unemployment Non-Payment Periods	<20	<20	<20	31	51

Quarters for 15-16 FY	Financial Penalty Type	WA	SA	NSW & QLD	NT	NATIONAL
	<b>Total Financial Penalty events</b>	<b>9,378</b>	<b>2,476</b>	<b>10,739</b>	<b>27,071</b>	<b>49,664</b>
<b>Total FY 2015-16</b>	No Show No Pay	22,662	7,390	32,861	62,829	125,742
	Non-Attendance Failures	161	<20	68	427	675
	Reconnection	169	66	108	744	1,087
	Serious failures (including Comprehensive Compliance Assessment triggered)	2,589	1,209	4,743	10,420	18,961
	Unemployment Non-Payment Periods	40	<20	42	98	189
	<b>Total Financial Penalty events</b>	<b>25,621</b>	<b>8,693</b>	<b>37,822</b>	<b>74,518</b>	<b>146,654</b>
Jul 16 – Sep 16	No Show No Pay	9,118	2,661	9,552	23,912	45,243
	Non-Attendance Failures	<20	<20	np	np	102
	Reconnection	104	77	116	502	799
	Serious failures (including Comprehensive Compliance Assessment triggered)	1,531	531	1,710	5,042	8,814
	Unemployment Non-Payment Periods	<20	<20	<20	<20	39
	<b>Total Financial Penalty events</b>	<b>10,768</b>	<b>3,270</b>	<b>11,420</b>	<b>29,539</b>	<b>54,997</b>
Oct 16 – Dec 16	No Show No Pay	7,674	2,022	7,676	17,750	35,122
	Non Attendance Failure	<20	<20	<20	24	36
	Reconnection	140	68	148	541	897
	Serious failures (including Comprehensive Compliance Assessment triggered)	1,370	463	1,517	4,201	7,551
	Unemployment Non-Payment Periods	<20	<20	<20	26	50
	<b>Total Financial Penalty Events</b>	<b>9,199</b>	<b>2,558</b>	<b>9,357</b>	<b>22,542</b>	<b>43,656</b>

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Explanatory note: Table A of QoN202 Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 – 2017 referred to “Serious failures” and “CCAs” (serious failures applied through a Comprehensive Compliance Assessment, or CCA) listed separately.

**Quarterly Suspensions incurred by CDP job seekers from 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2016 (by State)**

<b>Quarters for 15-16 FY</b>	<b>Suspension Type</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>NSW &amp; QLD</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>NATIONAL</b>
Jul 15 - Sept 15	Suspension – Non-Attendance Report	5,073	808	4,245	10,020	20,146
	Suspension - Reconnection	np	<20	np	163	372
	Suspension - Third Party	<20	<20	<20	<20	32
	Suspension - Activity	1,418	766	3,395	3,229	8,808
	<b>Suspension - Total</b>	<b>6,599</b>	<b>1,589</b>	<b>7,746</b>	<b>13,424</b>	<b>29,358</b>
Oct 15 - Dec 15	Suspension – Non-Attendance Report	4,521	683	2,909	7,223	15,336
	Suspension - Reconnection	np	22	np	np	569
	Suspension - Third Party	<20		<20	<20	28
	Suspension - Activity	2,779	840	5,443	6,506	15,568
	<b>Suspension - Total</b>	<b>7,467</b>	<b>1,545</b>	<b>8,484</b>	<b>14,005</b>	<b>31,501</b>
Jan 16 - Mar 16	Suspension – Non-Attendance Report	4,797	909	3,163	9,508	18,377
	Suspension - Reconnection	np	30	np	np	np
	Suspension - Third Party	<20		<20	<20	<20
	Suspension - Activity	4,208	796	6,437	8,346	19,787
	<b>Suspension - Total</b>	<b>9,219</b>	<b>1,735</b>	<b>9,783</b>	<b>18,218</b>	<b>38,955</b>
Apr 16 - Jun 16	Suspension – Non-Attendance Report	4,240	595	3,092	8,300	16,227
	Suspension - Reconnection	np	29	172	np	np
	Suspension - Third Party	<20		0	<20	<20
	Suspension - Activity	3,238	1,212	5,778	9,423	19,651
	<b>Suspension - Total</b>	<b>7,602</b>	<b>1,836</b>	<b>9,042</b>	<b>18,122</b>	<b>36,602</b>
<b>Total FY</b>	Suspension – Non-Attendance Report	18,631	2,995	13,409	35,051	70,086
	Suspension - Reconnection	582	np	np	1,187	2,439
	Suspension - Third Party	31	<20	<20	27	77

Quarters for 15-16 FY	Suspension Type	WA	SA	NSW & QLD	NT	NATIONAL
	Suspension - Activity	11,643	3,614	21,053	27,504	63,814
	<b>Suspension - Total</b>	<b>30,887</b>	<b>6,705</b>	<b>35,055</b>	<b>63,769</b>	<b>136,416</b>
Jul 16 – Sep 16	Suspension – Non-Attendance Report	4,421	546	3,471	7,516	15,954
	Suspension - Reconnection	np	np	np	281	517
	Suspension - Third Party	<20	<20	<20	20	40
	Suspension - Activity	3,407	1,276	2,885	8,217	15,785
	<b>Suspension - Total</b>	<b>7,955</b>	<b>1,845</b>	<b>6,462</b>	<b>16,034</b>	<b>32,296</b>
Oct 16 – Dec 16	Suspension - NAR	3,641	494	2,711	5,711	12,557
	Suspension - Reconnection	np	<20	np	np	394
	Suspension - Third Party	<20	np	<20	<20	27
	Suspension - Activity	2,568	418	1,790	5,115	9,891
	<b>Suspension - Total</b>	<b>6,333</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>4,576</b>	<b>11,031</b>	<b>22,869</b>

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