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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Question:**

Senator SIEWERT: Can you tell me how many days' people are serving? Out of all of those participation failures of nearly 19,000, how many days have people have served for serious participation failures?

Ms Williams: I will see whether we have got that information. If we do not, we will have to provide it to you on notice.

**Answer:**

In 2015-16, a total of 18,961 serious failures (eight-week non-payment periods) were applied to Community Development Programme (CDP) job seekers, approximately, 117,000 days.

Of the total 2015-16 serious failures, 17,908 (or 94.4 per cent) were either fully waived (77.9 per cent) or partially waived (22.1 per cent).

Of the 22.1 per cent of job seekers who received partially waived serious failures, 2.4 weeks was the average time per job seeker, spent without income support.