

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2012-2013

Outcome 3 - Employment

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Question

Employment outcomes for CDEP participants registered with JSA providers

Senator SCULLION: As I understand it, there is a current rate of grandfathered participants. Are they choosing to move to wages because they have been grandfathered, or are they moving to income support? They are either staying in the CDEP system or they are saying, 'I am now moving to some other sort of an income support.' Ms Lindenmayer: We are seeing the number of grandfathered wage participants drop slightly, and over time there has been an increase of those on income support. We do not track them once they go off wages, but we assume there is a number that move to income support or employment. Senator SCULLION: It would just be useful, because we have statistics and parts of these numbers inform those statistics. It would be useful to know whether the grandfathered ones are actually getting a job or going to some income support. That would be useful now. If you could take that on notice, I am not sure if you can have a look at that and see if you can provide it, but it does not sound like you can. Ms Gumley: Unfortunately, we do not have the same level of post-program monitoring that the DEEWR programs have. We are not able to track CDEP participants once they move into employment or study. Perhaps there might be able to be some tracking done, because over 90 per cent of our job seekers are registered with Job Services Australia, so they might be picked up through that tracking arrangement. But for CDEP on its own, no. Ms Taylor: What we can take on notice to look at, as Ms Gumley said, is that the large proportion of people on CDEP, whether on wages or not, are registered with a JSA provider, so we might be able to give you some information. Clearly, if they are not registered with a JSA provider and have moved to employment then we will not be able to, but we might be able to give you some information about outcomes for groups that have moved off through a JSA process. So I will take that on notice, if you like.

Answer

Post program monitoring surveys are not conducted by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) for CDEP participants.

DEEWR has used CDEP participant data provided by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs to determine if the participant was registered with Job Services Australia (JSA) and for those CDEP participants being serviced by the JSA, if they were they placed in employment or undertook education.

For the period 1 July 2010 to 30 November 2012, JSA providers achieved:

- 4339 placements of CDEP participants into paid employment (Job placements)
- 5799 - 13 week outcomes for employment and/or education. (A 13 week outcome is achieved when a job seeker sustains employment or education for 13 weeks or more.)
- 2779 - 26 week outcomes for employment and/or education. (A 26 week outcome is achieved when a job seeker sustains employment or education for 26 weeks or more.)

Note: - This data cannot be split between grandfathered and non-grandfathered CDEP participants.