

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Question

WORK EXPERIENCE - PRODUCTIVITY PLACES PROGRAM

1. What percentage of the Job Services Australia caseload is currently undertaking a Work Experience Activity?
2. How many of these job seekers are undertaking a Productivity Places Programme as their Work Experience Activity?
3. Of the job seekers who have commenced a Productivity Places Programme, how many have failed to complete their training?
4. How many job seekers who have undertaken a Productivity Places Programme have gained a job?
5. Is the Department monitoring how many of these jobs are in the area in which the job seeker trained?"

Answer

- 1. What percentage of the Job Services Australia caseload is currently undertaking a Work Experience Activity?**

On 31 December 2010, 13% of the Job Services Australia Caseload (102 540 job seekers) were undertaking a Work Experience Activity.

- 2. How many of these job seekers are undertaking a Productivity Places Programme as their Work Experience Activity?**

On 31 December 2010, 884 job seekers were undertaking the Productivity Places Program as a Work Experience Activity.

- 3. Of the job seekers who have commenced a Productivity Places Programme, how many have failed to complete their training?**

Not all jurisdictions are able to report on the number of job seekers who commenced a PPP training place and failed to complete the training. Consequently the Australian Government is unable to provide this data.

4. How many job seekers who have undertaken a Productivity Places Programme have gained a job?

Employment outcomes are recorded for job seekers referred to training by an Employment Service Provider (ESP). As at 31 December 2010, 29 384 PPP job seeker participants gained a 13 week employment outcome.

5. Is the Department monitoring how many of these jobs are in the area in which the job seeker trained?

Employment information is recorded on the achievement of an employment outcome. Information is not at the level of specificity to relate qualifications with areas in which the employment outcome is achieved.