Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

JSA CASELOAD

1. What is the total Job Services Australia caseload currently? 2. What percentage of the caseload has been unemployed for 12 months or more? 3. What percentage of the caseload who are in receipt of a Newstart payment, has an exemption from job search requirements? 4. What proportion of the JSA caseload is currently on suspension (has an exemption on looking for work)?

Answer

As at 28 February 2011:

- 1. The total Job Services Australia caseload is 778 761.
- 2. 50% of the Job Services Australia caseload has been registered for employment assistance for 12 months or more.
- 3. 22% of job seekers who are in receipt of NSA are currently exempt from job search requirements.
- 4. 21% of the JSA caseload is currently exempt from job search requirements.