

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

NON COMPLIANT BEHAVIOUR

Can the Department provide figures for the number and rate of participation reports for missed appointments and similar non-compliant behaviour lodged and upheld in remote areas for each quarter since July 2009? Can it compare the rate of lodgements and penalties upheld with non-remote ESAs?

Answer

Since July 2009 the number of connection failure participation reports (PRs) submitted and applied by quarter for job seekers living in remote areas is as follows:

Remote Submitted Connection Failures	Q1 09/10	Q2 09/10	Q3 09/10	Q4 09/10	Q1 10/11	Q2 10/11
Total Submitted	3050	4537	5087	5848	8019	8645
Total Applied	638	913	1285	2177	3668	4636

The connection failure PR application rates for job seekers living in remote areas compared with job seekers not living in remote areas are as follows:

Remote Applied Connection Failures	Q1 09/10	Q2 09/10	Q3 09/10	Q4 09/10	Q1 10/11	Q2 10/11
Remote Applied Rate %	21%	20%	25%	37%	46%	54%
Applied Rate (excluding remote) %	28%	27%	32%	40%	46%	54%

**Data Source: DEEWR administrative data.*