

**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 Siewert provided in writing.

Question

COMPLIANCE DATA - HARDSHIP PROVISIONS

Can you please provide the number of people who sought to access the hardship provisions and how many met the criteria for the period 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010?

Answer

Between 1 July and 31 December 2010, non-payment penalty periods were waived for 1722 job seekers under the hardship provisions. This data includes eight week unemployment non-payment periods and serious failures.

Data is not available on the number of job seekers who sought to access the hardship provisions.