Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

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Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

COMPLIANCE DATA - WORKING OFF PENALTY PROVISIONS

Can you please provide the number of people who accessed the working off penalty provisions for the period 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010?

Answer

Between 1 July and 31 December 2010, 1502 job seekers requested to undertake a Compliance Activity to waive their serious failure eight week non-payment penalty.

Job seekers who are subject to an Unemployment Non-Payment Period (UNPP) do not have the option of undertaking a Compliance Activity in lieu of serving the UNPP.

In some cases a job seeker may have had more than one serious failure and undertaken a Compliance Activity on more than one occasion.