

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 4 - Employment

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Senator Bernardi provided in writing.

Question

Compliance Failures

Regarding compliance failures, what percentage of job seekers had a valid excuse? How many failures were recorded in remote areas? How many job seekers have had more than one compliance failure in the last 6 months? Can the Department provide a breakdown of the compliance failures by type?

Answer

For the period 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2011, of the 351 432 Participation Reports (PR) submitted by employment services providers, 21 per cent were rejected because the job seeker had a reasonable excuse.

For the period 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2011, 18 792 participation failures were applied to job seekers living in remote areas.

For the period 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2011, 54 509 job seekers had more than one compliance failure applied. The table below shows number and types of compliance failures incurred by these job seekers.

Compliance Failure Type	Number of compliance failures for job seekers who have had more than one compliance failure¹
Connection Failure	92 272
No Show No Pay Failure	30 347
Reconnection Failure	25 339
Serious Failure	
Failing to accept or commence a Suitable job	556
Persistent non compliance	8 714
Unemployment non-payment period	94

Note:

1. This table counts each compliance failure; job seekers will be counted more than once.
2. Data has been sourced through the DEEWR Employment Services System – ESS.