

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 4 - Employment

DEEWR Question No. EW1057_12

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Social Security job seeker compliance data

"Provide a table showing the number of all financial penalties imposed (eg. eight week, serious, daily, etc) for each quarter since 2009:

1. by Indigenous and non-Indigenous recipients, and
2. by age."

Answer

The information requested can be accessed for all quarters up to and including September 2011 on the DEEWR internet site at:

www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/ResearchStatistics/JobSeekerComplianceData/ComplianceData/Pages/home.aspx

The following tables show all financial penalties incurred for the quarter ending 31 December 2011:

1. by Indigenous and non-Indigenous status
2. by age group.

Table 1: Financial penalties incurred by job seekers by Indigenous and non-Indigenous status 1 October 2011 to 31 December 2011

Type of Financial Penalty	Indigenous Job Seekers	Non-Indigenous Job Seekers
No Show No Pay	4 659	13 943
Reconnection	4 110	10 691
Total short financial penalties	8 769	24 634
Serious Failure – Refused a suitable job	26	208
Serious Failure – Did not commence suitable work	52	280
Serious Failure - Persistent non compliance	1 503	3 345
Total Serious Failures	1 581	3 833
Unemployment Non Payment Penalty (UNPP) – Voluntary unemployment	497	3 744
UNPP – Unemployment due to misconduct	157	1 518
Total UNPPs	654	5 262
Total Financial Penalties	11 004	33 729

Table 2: Financial penalties incurred by job seekers by age group 1 October 2011 to 31 December 2011

Financial Penalties incurred	Aged under 21	Aged 21 to 30	Aged 31 to 40	Aged 41 to 54	Aged 55 and Over
No Show No Pay	5 074	8 005	3 184	2 072	267
Reconnection	4 160	6 751	2 650	1 143	97
Total short financial penalties	9 234	14 756	5 834	3 215	364
Serious Failure – Refused a suitable job	34	78	67	52	<20
Serious Failure – Did not commence suitable work	68	160	66	35	<20
Serious Failure - Persistent non compliance	1 489	2 375	700	273	<20
Total Serious Failures	1 591	2 613	833	360	<20
Unemployment Non Payment Penalty (UNPP) – Voluntary unemployment	657	1,851	889	684	160
UNPP – Unemployment due to misconduct	233	650	418	315	59
Total UNPPs	890	2 501	1 307	999	219
Total Financial Penalties	11 715	19 870	7 974	4 574	600

Note: In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations of less than twenty are reported as "<20".