

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2013-2014

Outcome 1 - Employment

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Question

Job Services Australia

Senator McKENZIE: I wanted to go to trend of employment outcomes over the duration of the Job Service Australia contract. Could you give me a report of the trend? Ms Drayton: I can go through a few different things, but I will start with employment outcomes, which is a measure that we use to test with people who have received assistance through Job Services Australia with what is happening with them three months after they have received assistance. The overall employment outcome is 42.8 per cent of people are in employment. That is as at September 2013, which is the most recent employment outcome data I have. Over the years it has decreased. In September 2011 it was 47.7 per cent. In September 2012 it was 48.4 per cent. In September 2013, it was 42.8 per cent. That is overall. Between the streams there are obviously differences. For September 2013, for stream 1 the employment outcome rate was 57.2 per cent; for stream 2, 41.4 per cent; for stream 3, 33.8 per cent; and for stream 4, it was 23.4 per cent. I can go through all the comparisons with the other years in the same way if you like. Senator McKENZIE: On notice that would be fabulous. So, the trend has been decreasing employment outcomes over time? Ms Drayton: That is correct. Senator McKENZIE: Has an increase in unemployment resulted in an increased caseload for Job Services Australia? Ms Leon: We should clarify the answer to that question. I think your question originally asked about over the life of the contract. The figures that Ms Drayton was giving were a particular two-year period. So, it is not since Job Services was established. Senator McKENZIE: Thank you. Ms Leon: So we could see, on notice, if we can give you a trend since 2009, bearing in mind that the success rate is also impacted by headline economic indicators about job availability.

Answer

Employment outcomes for JSA are summarised in Table 1 and are published quarterly in the Labour Market Assistance Outcomes reports at www.employment.gov.au/labour-market-assistance-outcomes-reports

Table 1- Employment Outcomes by Stream, year ending September 2010 to year ending September 2013

	Sep 2010 (%)	Dec 2010 (%)	Mar 2011 (%)	Jun 2011 (%)	Sep 2011 (%)	Dec 2011 (%)	Mar 2012 (%)	Jun 2012 (%)	Sep 2012 (%)	Dec 2012 (%)	Mar 2013 (%)	Jun 2013 (%)	Sep 2013 (%)
Stream 1-4	n.p.	49.7	48.1	47.6	47.7	48.8	49.0	48.7	48.4	43.3	42.2	41.3	42.8
Stream 1	58.3	58.1	57.8	58.1	58.7	60.7	62.0	61.3	61.5	57.1	56.4	55.9	57.2
Stream 2	58.7	57.1	54.9	53.9	54.0	55.0	54.2	53.0	51.8	45.6	42.5	41.4	41.4
Stream 3	34.5	35.1	34.0	34.8	35.8	37.9	38.3	38.1	38.3	33.3	32.4	31.1	33.8
Stream 4	21.3	22.8	25.2	25.4	28.5	29.0	29.4	30.7	29.7	25.1	24.7	22.6	23.4

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