

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EM0185_14

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Job seeker compliance data

For 2012-13, please provide:

- a. A breakdown of 'no show no pay' penalties and 8 week no payment penalties imposed on job seekers by Centrelink 'vulnerability indicator' vulnerability indicator, ie, mental illness, homelessness, recent release from prison, limited numeracy, etc..
- b. eight week no payment periods and 'no show no pay' penalties by Centrelink area
- c. eight week no payment periods and 'no show no pay' penalties by state and territory

Answer

a. A breakdown of 'no show no pay' penalties and 8 week no payment penalties imposed on job seekers by Centrelink 'vulnerability indicator' vulnerability indicator, ie, mental illness, homelessness, recent release from prison, limited numeracy, etc..

The following table shows the number of 'no show no pay' (NSNP) penalties and eight week non-payment penalties (NPP) incurred by job seekers by type of Vulnerability Indicator for the period 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2013:

Type of Vulnerability Indicator	Indigenous		Non Indigenous		All job seekers	
	NSNP	8 Week NPP	NSNP	8 Week NPP	NSNP	8 Week NPP
Cognitive or neurological impairment	82	29	194	73	276	102
Drug/alcohol dependent	1 187	462	1 257	586	2 444	1 048
Homelessness	898	389	1 545	760	2 443	1 149
Illness/injury requiring frequent treatment	255	90	722	266	977	356
Job seeker in transition	143	52	<20	<20	163	64
Nationally approved vulnerability	<20	<20	<20	<20	<20	<20
Psychiatric problems or mental illness	674	264	3 345	1 219	4 019	1 483
Recent traumatic relationship breakdown	108	29	178	78	286	107
Released prisoner (in jail for more than 14 days)	240	70	153	61	393	131
Served an 8 week NPP in the previous 12 months	27	44	60	75	87	119
Significant caring responsibilities	39	<20	82	35	121	54
Significant lack of literacy and language skills	1 614	491	468	154	2 082	645
Total	5 268	1 943	8 028	3 320	13 296	5 263

Note:

1. Job seekers can have more than one Vulnerability Indicator; penalties may be counted more than once.
2. In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations of less than twenty are reported as "<20".

b. *Eight week no payment periods and 'no show no pay' penalties by Centrelink area.*

The following table shows the number of 'no show no pay' penalties and eight week non-payment penalties incurred by Department of Human Services Zones for the period 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2013:

Department of Human Services Zone	Financial Penalty	
	8 week non payment period	No Show No Pay
Border Ranges	2 784	3 861
Central New South Wales	4 400	10 652
Eastern Victoria	3 078	4 691
Mid Coast New South Wales	2 897	5 388
Northern Australia	2 248	5 591
Northern Queensland	4 886	9 265
Northern Victoria	3 424	5 416
Pacific Coast	2 170	3 987
South Australia	3 997	6 287
Southern New South Wales	2 191	2 969
Southern Queensland	2 989	3 849
Sunshine Coast	1 894	3 226
Sydney	2 526	4 865
Tasmania	930	1 501
West Victoria	3 075	5 343
Western Australia	4 642	7 271
Total	48 131	84 162

c. *Eight week no payment periods and 'no show no pay' penalties by state and territory*

The following table shows the number of 'no show no pay' penalties and eight week non-payment penalties incurred by State and Territory for the period 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2013:

State	No Show No Pay		8 week non-payment penalty	
	Indigenous	Non Indigenous	Indigenous	Non Indigenous
ACT	31	277	48	380
NSW	2 762	12 609	1 459	8 517
NT	2194	113	1 013	302
QLD	4 134	6 571	2 453	7 439
SA	586	2 701	441	2 520
TAS	119	779	85	682
VIC	460	8 787	290	7 103
WA	1 629	2 572	1 106	2 620
Total	11 915	34 409	6 895	29 563