

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2013-2014

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EM0186_14

Refers to previous Question number EW1057_12

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Job seeker compliance data - update EW1057_12

With reference to DEEWR Question EW1057_12, please provide an update to Tables 1 and 2 for financial year 2012-13, showing the number of all financial penalties imposed (eg. Eight week, serious, daily, etc) by Indigenous and non-Indigenous recipients, and by age.

Answer

Financial penalties incurred by job seekers by Indigenous and non-Indigenous status 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 (numbers are penalties not job seekers).

Type of Financial Penalty	Indigenous Job Seekers	Non-Indigenous Job Seekers
No Show No Pay	25,533	58,629
Reconnection	22,680	54,669
Total short financial penalties	48,213	113,298
Serious Failure – Refused a suitable job	53	724
Serious Failure – Did not commence suitable work	113	828
Serious Failure - Persistent non compliance	8,458	16,828
Total Serious Failures	8,624	18,380
Unemployment Non Payment Penalty (UNPP) – Voluntary unemployment	1,868	13,187
UNPP – Unemployment due to misconduct	627	5,445
Total UNPPs	2,495	18,632
Total Financial Penalties	59,332	150,310

Financial penalties incurred by job seekers by age group 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 (numbers are penalties not job seekers)

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	22,516	35,084	15,754	9,893	915
Reconnection	19,502	35,792	15,143	6,435	477
Total short financial penalties	42,018	70,876	30,897	16,328	1,392
Serious Failure – Refused a suitable job	121	288	168	175	25
Serious Failure – Did not commence suitable work	132	435	254	109	<20
Serious Failure - Persistent non compliance	6,775	12,922	4,021	1,497	71
Total Serious Failures	7,028	13,645	4,443	1,781	*
Unemployment Non Payment Penalty (UNPP) – Voluntary unemployment	1,968	6,510	3,258	2,660	659
UNPP – Unemployment due to misconduct	793	2,377	1,469	1,206	227
Total UNPPs	2,761	8,887	4,727	3,866	886
Total Financial Penalties	51,807	93,408	40,067	21,975	*

Note:

1. In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations of less than twenty are reported as "<20".
2. To further protect the privacy of individuals, totals that can assist with identifying individuals have been replaced with *.