

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EM0187_14

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

JSA caseload

Please update: EM0100_14 and provide the data by total Job Services Australia caseload.

Answer

The tables below provide information on ESAt/JCA (Employment Services Assessment/Job Capacity Assessment) recorded barriers for the Job Services Australia (JSA) Stream 4 caseload (Table 1 and 2) and for the JSA total caseload (Table 3 and 4) as at 1 December 2013.

Table 1 – Top 10 JSA Stream 4 job seekers barriers identified in ESA/JCA

Barrier		Total Stream 4 job seekers	% of Stream 4 job seekers	Total Stream 4 Indigenous job seekers	% of Stream 4 Indigenous job seekers
1	No or limited employment history	91,986	59%	16,276	71%
2	No or limited work skills	63,524	41%	11,214	49%
3	Psychological/psychiatric condition	48,974	32%	5,043	22%
4	Transport issues	50,334	32%	10,789	47%
5	Accommodation issues	42,011	27%	7,136	31%
6	No or limited job seeking skills	40,796	26%	6,555	28%
7	No or limited formal education	39,418	25%	8,524	37%
8	Mood Disorder	32,100	21%	3,810	17%
9	Ex-offender history	30,761	20%	7,337	32%
10	No or limited support network identified	29,349	19%	3,246	14%

Note: As at 1 December 2013 there were a total of 155,461 Stream 4 job seekers and 23,026 of these were Indigenous.

Table 2 - Number of JSA Stream 4 job seekers who have 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 or more barriers identified in ESA/JCA

Count of Barriers Identified	Number of Stream 4 job seekers	% of stream 4 job seekers	Number of Stream 4 Indigenous job seekers	% of stream 4 Indigenous job seekers
0	286	0%	37	0%
1	488	0%	34	0%
2	2,683	2%	254	1%
3	11,983	8%	1,366	6%
4	19,447	13%	2,442	11%
5+	120,574	78%	18,893	82%

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Table 3 – Top 10 JSA job seekers barriers identified in ESA/JCA

Barrier		Total Job Services Australia job seekers	% of Job Services Australia job seekers	Total Job Services Australia Indigenous job seekers	% of Job Services Australia Indigenous job seekers
1	No or limited employment history	163,158	21%	26,098	37%
2	No or limited work skills	120,915	16%	18,530	27%
3	Psychological/psychiatric condition	81,726	11%	7,241	10%
4	No or limited job seeking skills	90,192	12%	12,119	17%
5	Transport issues	86,657	11%	18,159	26%
6	No or limited formal education	68,771	9%	13,202	19%
7	Physical limitations restricting type of work	60,712	8%	4,635	7%
8	Accommodation issues	58,986	8%	9,737	14%
9	Mood Disorder	52,891	7%	5,415	8%
10	Endurance limitations	49,482	6%	3,785	5%

Note: As at 1 December 2013 there were a total of 763,876 Job Services Australia job seekers and 69,764 of these were Indigenous.

Table 4 - Number of JSA job seekers who have 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 or more barriers identified in ESA/JCA

Count of Barriers Identified	Number of Job Services Australia job seekers	% of Job Services Australia job seekers	Number of Job Services Australia Indigenous job seekers	% of Job Services Australia Indigenous job seekers
0	439,904	58%	29,418	42%
1	6,380	1%	503	1%
2	18,127	2%	1,668	2%
3	41,264	5%	4,113	6%
4	53,133	7%	5,745	8%
5+	205,068	27%	28,317	41%

Note: As at 1 December 2013 there were a total of 763,876 Job Services Australia job seekers and 69,764 of these were Indigenous.