

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2005-2006 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group 1.2: Labour market programme management and delivery

Output 1.2.4: Mutual Obligation initiatives

Question Number: W168-06

Question:

Senator Wong provided in writing:

Please provide a breakdown, according to the above characteristics, (refer W167-06) of the following outcomes for Work for the Dole through 2004:

- the % of job seekers who were in full time unsubsidised employment three months after leaving Work for the Dole
- the same for part time employment.

Answer:

Information relating to the labour market status of job seekers three months after leaving employment assistance programmes and services is collected through the Department's Post Programme Monitoring (PPM) Survey. PPM survey results are an estimate of outcomes levels based on responses from a sample of job seekers rather than the full population.

The following table shows outcomes for job seekers who exited Work for the Dole in the period 1 October 2003 to 30 September 2004 and who achieved outcomes by 31 December 2004. It is not possible to determine through the PPM survey whether the employment outcomes achieved are unsubsidised.

Job seeker characteristics by Work for the Dole outcome in the 12 months ending December 2004. ⁽¹⁾

Job seeker characteristics	Full-time employment (%)	Part-time employment (%)	Total employment (%)
Duration of unemployment			
<1 year	22.4	17.7	40.1
1-2 years	14.5	19.2	33.6
2 to 3 years	15.6	17.6	33.3
3 years plus	9.5	13.4	22.9
Age Group (years)			
15 to 20	16.0	17.6	33.6
21 to 24	17.4	17.4	34.9
25 to 34	17.3	17.1	34.3
35 to 49	13.6	15.0	28.6
50 or more	10.0	14.4	24.4
Gender			
Males	17.7	13.8	31.5
Females	10.4	21.8	32.2
Equity Groups ⁽²⁾			
Indigenous	8.6	10.6	19.2
CALD ⁽³⁾	15.7	16.4	32.1
Disability	11.4	12.9	24.3
Sole Parents	10.0	24.3	34.3
Educational attainment			
Less than Year 10	11.5	11.4	22.8
Year 10 or 11	14.6	15.2	29.8
Year 12	16.4	20.3	36.7
Post Secondary	18.5	18.0	36.5
State			
New South Wales	14.4	14.1	28.5
Victoria	13.6	15.9	29.5
Queensland	18.3	18.8	37.1
Western Australia	18.3	18.8	37.1
South Australia	11.7	17.8	30.2
Tasmania	12.4	16.5	28.9
Northern Territory	17.6	8.6	26.2
Australian Capital Territory	20.1	16.9	37
Allowance type			
Disability Support Pension	na	na	na
Total	15.5	16.2	31.7

1. Job seekers who left Work for the Dole placements between 1 October 2003 and 30 September 2004 and outcomes achieved by 31 December 2004.
 2. Equity groups are not mutually exclusive.
 3. People from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds from other than main English Speaking countries.
- na Not available – number of survey respondents is too low to provide statistically reliable outcomes estimates

Source: The Post Programme Monitoring Survey conducted three months after job seekers leave Work for the Dole