

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 8

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Senator Watson provided in writing.

Question

What is the labour market experience (as an average duration in weeks on full rate unemployment allowance) for

- *Long term unemployed*
- *Indigenous Australians*
- *Mature Aged*
- *People of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds*
- *Sole parents*
- *People with disability*
- *Young people.*

Answer

The average duration on full-rate unemployment allowance fell over the year to May 2008 for all disadvantaged groups except the long-term unemployed. Please see the table below.

Average Duration on Full-rate Unemployment Allowance for selected disadvantaged groups, May 2008

CLIENT GROUP	Average Duration on Full-rate Unemployment Allowance¹ (May 2007, weeks)	Average Duration on Full-rate Unemployment Allowance¹ (May 2008, weeks)	% Change in average duration² (May 07 to May 08)
Long-term Unemployed	162.3	163.3	0.6
Indigenous Australians	45.7	42.8	-6.2
Mature Aged³	51.8	47.8	-7.7
CALD⁴	37.8	35.3	-6.5
Sole Parents	23.8	18.3	-23.1
People with a Disability	66	60.5	-8.3
Young People⁵	14.1	13.2	-6

1. The statistics shown above are in original terms and only include Newstart and Youth Allowance (Other) recipients.
2. Percentage changes are calculated on average duration figures to a higher level of precision than are reported in the table and are not necessarily equal to those that would be calculated from the rounded figures.
3. 45 years and older.
4. People from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds from other than main English Speaking countries.
5. 15-20 year olds.