Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

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Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Cormann asked on 31/05/2010, Hansard page 18.

Question: Job Services Australia caseload

Ms Parker—We need to take that on notice, Senator. We can provide—

Senator CORMANN—I assume it is a low number because it is the lowest level of support.

Senator Arbib—Stream 1 is job-ready.

Senator CORMANN—That is right. So the question is: has anybody been in stream 1 all the way since 1 July 2009?

Ms Paul—We can get that for you if there is any—

Senator SIEWERT—On those who are, at the moment job-ready: how long are they generally staying in stream 1 before they find a job? In other words, how quickly are they going on and off? I asked this of Centrelink and they told me to ask you.

Ms Paul—Yes, it is for us, but we may need to take it on notice.

Ms Parker—We can provide that but we do not have it with us. We can certainly look at that for you.

Senator SIEWERT—Could you get that over the next two days? Is that possible—

Ms Parker—I am sure it is.

Senator SIEWERT—rather than taking it on notice?

Ms Paul—We will see if we can do that.

Answer

As at 31 March 2010 there were 51,004 job seekers who have been in Stream 1 on the Job Services Australia caseload since 1 July 2009.

Early analysis of data shows that approximately 56 per cent of Stream 1 job seekers exited from Stream 1 after 13 weeks of service.