

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Question

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Senator CORMANN—I am keen to get a breakdown of the number of people who are in various placements and recognised activities, those that are not yet, as you describe it, in the work experience phase, that have not gone through the 12 months yet, and then those who are doing neither or do not fall into that category, and the reasons why.

Mr Griew—We can take on notice a breakdown across those categories.

Senator CORMANN—If you could provide us a detailed breakdown of that, that would be great.

Answer

Job seekers are placed into one of four streams, based on their level of disadvantage. Depending on the circumstances of the job seeker, the tailored pathway to employment will integrate education, training, non-vocational assistance, work experience, job search requirements and other support.

Table 1 provides a summary of the status of all job seekers on the active caseload at 31 March 2010. It shows the streams in which job seekers had been placed and whether they had commenced in Stream Services or Work Experience activities. Table 1 also provides the number of job seekers whose status was either 'pending' or 'suspended'. 'Pending' is used to identify job seekers who have been referred to a Job Services Australia provider, but have not yet commenced in Stream Services. 'Suspended' status identifies job seekers whose participation has been suspended for a period of time due to work (but prior to the 26-week outcome being reached) or personal circumstances such as temporary illness or sporadic part-time work.

Table 1: Active caseload at 31 March 2010

	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	Stream 4	Current commencement	Pending and suspended	Total caseload
Stream Services	201,695	172,863	82,712	79,778	537,048	215,229	752,277
Work Experience		642	51,144	1,874	53,660	20,127	73,787
Total Caseload	201,695	173,505	133,856	81,652	590,708	235,356	826,064