

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

JSA - Job placements and outcomes for Indigenous job seekers

Senator SCULLION—Because the question I am going to is what I thought was a fundamental question: how many people have come into the system, have been employed? You have given me the mainstream number of 25,800. Out of those, I want to know who is currently still employed. I understand that it is staggered as they did not all start on the same day. So the two figures I am looking for are: firstly, how many went into the system and are still there and, secondly, how long were those people who are no longer there employed? Mr Griew—We will have to take that on notice.

Answer

A cohort of 20,670 Indigenous job seekers achieved the 25,600 job placements recorded between 1 July 2009 and 31 March 2010. This cohort of job seekers is not a static client population and some job seekers moved in and out of employment services depending, for example, on the duration or suitability of the job.

Data indicate that of the 20,670 individual job seekers placed in jobs, approximately 31 per cent were not registered with Job Services Australia or the Disability Employment Service at 31 March 2010. Providers routinely monitor the sustainability of job placements and provide post placement support where issues are identified.

Of those job seekers placed in jobs who were not registered at 31 March 2010, providers had recorded that 51 per cent had achieved a 13-week employment outcome, and 17 per cent a 26-week employment outcome. These 13 and 26-week outcome data were extracted on 8 June 2010 and the number of outcomes recorded will increase as 13 and 26-week milestones are reached and information becomes available to providers.