

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy**

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**Senator Abetz asked on 1/06/2011, Hansard page 29.**

**Question**

**Work For The Dole - Percentage Of LTU Undertaking Activities, Including Green Corp And Drought Force**

Senator ABETZ: Yes. Of the caseload for the very long term unemployed, what percentage is currently undertaking work for the dole? Ms Laker: For very long term unemployed, so they are in their second year of work for the dole, I can only give you group based activities so that is primarily work for the dole but may also include Green Corp or Drought Force projects, and 19 per cent of very long term unemployed are in those types of activities. Senator ABETZ: On notice, can you break that up for us for work for the dole, for drought assistance and Green Corp?

**Answer**

The following table provides data for the participation of the Very Long Term Unemployed (VLTU) in work experience, including in Work for the Dole, Drought Force and Green Corps.

**Work Experience Placements for VLTU  
(registered for employment services for 2 years or more)**

Work Experience Activities	Placements			
	1 July 2009 to 31 May 2011		On 31 May 2011	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Accredited/Non Accredited Education/Training (Vocational)	90,546	38%	33,658	49%
Education/Training (Non Vocational)	23,032	10%	5,269	8%
Part Time/Casual Paid Employment	37,399	16%	9,045	13%
Work for the Dole	43,164	18%	6,040	9%
Green Corps	1,465	1%	141	0%
Drought Force	423	0%	54	0%
Voluntary Work in community/non profit sector	8,996	4%	2,549	4%
Unpaid Work Experience Placements	1,381	1%	122	0%
Other Approved Programs	32,360	14%	11,570	17%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>238,766</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>68,448</b>	<b>100%</b>

NOTE: This table provides data on Work Experience Activity placements for those job seekers registered for employment services for 2 years or more. A job seeker generally commences in the Work Experience Phase after 1 year of servicing by their Job Services Australia provider. For those job seekers in the Work Experience Phase, a compulsory requirement to participate in an activity may apply. The required hours for a particular job seeker will depend on their age, the activity chosen and individual circumstances (e.g. principal carer parent or partial capacity to work).

Snapshot data only indicates the number of activity placements for that day, which is only a small subset of the total Work Experience Activity Placements and does not include job seekers who have previously completed an activity. Snapshot data is also impacted by variables, such as the job seeker's required hours and variability in activity for that particular day. For example, on 31 May 2011, approximately two in three job seekers in the Work Experience Phase had a compulsory requirement to participate in an activity and only one in two job seekers were participating in an activity on that day. For these reason, snapshot data needs to be used with caution.