

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

**Outcome 3 – Employment**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0224\_13

**Senator Cash asked on 29 May 2012, Hansard page 14**

**Question**

**JSA Stream 1 figures**

Senator CASH: Do you have figures for that in terms of the percentage who actually have? Can you take you take on notice to have a look that?

Ms Parker: Yes.

Senator CASH: For stream 1 job seekers, what is the average duration of unemployment?

Ms Drayton: We are looking to see whether we have that information with us today.

Senator CASH: Can I also then get you to have a look at how many stream 1 job seekers have been unemployed for twelve months or more, and how this compares to 12 months ago?

Ms Drayton: On the first question, the average unemployment duration for stream 1, the figure that I have is only up to 30 November. If you like, we will update that for you on notice.

Senator CASH: What do you have in terms of the figure to 30 November?

Ms Drayton: Six months.

Senator CASH: Do you have how many stream 1 job seekers have been unemployed for 12 months or more and the comparison with 12 months ago?

Ms Drayton: We will have to take the comparison on notice. I am just being informed we will have to take that part of the question on notice as well, Senator.

**Answer**

As at 31 March 2011 there were 27,840 job seekers who were in Stream 1 of the Job Services Australia (JSA) caseload, who had been unemployed for over 12 months.

As at 31 March 2012 there were 29,224 job seekers in Stream 1 on the JSA caseload who had been unemployed for over 12 months.