

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 3 – Employment

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Senator Cash asked on 29 May 2012, Hansard page 44

Question

Suspensions under the new Job Seeker compliance arrangements

Senator CASH: What is the average duration a job seeker has their income support payment suspended under the new compliance arrangements that were introduced on 1 July 2011?

Answer

The average length of payment suspension for job seekers who have had their income support payment suspended since 1 July 2011 due to non-attendance at an appointment or disengagement from an activity is 6.6 calendar days.