Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

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Question

JSA

Senator CASH: Okay. In terms, though, of the total figure regardless of time spent, how many job seekers have been on the JSA case load since the commencement of the JSA in 2009? Do you have a figure for the total number of people who have actually been through it? I understand the total case load to date is 741,232. That is those who are currently on it?

Ms Paul: Yes.

Senator CASH: Do we have a total for those who have actually been on it, in its entirety?

Ms Paul: In other words, how many individuals have been through since 2009?

Senator CASH: Correct.

Ms Paul: Possibly not with us.

Ms Parker: We will take it on notice, Senator. We do not have that here.

Answer

As at 31 March 2012 there were 23,643 job seekers currently on the Job Services Australia (JSA) caseload who had been there since 1 July 2009. Some of these job seekers have not been continuously receiving JSA services due to their personal circumstances.

There have been 2,380,123 individual job seekers who are recorded as having been on the JSA caseload between 1 July 2009 and 31 March 2012.