

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

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

Outcome 3 – Employment

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Senator Cash asked on 29 May 2012 , Hansard page 25

Question

Work Experience Activity

Ms Parker: The providers are required to document what the job seeker is doing, and I mentioned before that job seekers have participation requirements. Part of the legislation is that they have to do what is in their plan; otherwise, their income support can be suspended. So the provider has to record what they are actually doing and they have to provide evidence in their files that that is what they are doing. Senator CASH: In terms of the data that the department has available to it in relation to the types of activities that are undertaken during a work experience activity, what can you provide us with? Ms Parker: We can provide you with numbers in each of the key categories. If they are doing Work for the Dole, unpaid work experience, Green Corps or Drought Force, we can tell you what proportion. Senator CASH: Can you take that on notice to provide us with that information?

Answer

The table below provides the number and percentage of placements in each Work Experience Activity type for both the period 1 July 2009 - 31 March 2012 and as a point in time snapshot on 31 March 2012.

Work Experience Activity Placements Summary

Work Experience Activities	Activity Placements			
	1 July 2009 - 31 Mar 2012		On 31 Mar 2012	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Accredited/Non Accredited Education/Training (Vocational)	476,556	38.87%	85,013	51.10%
Non Vocational Training	297,368	24.25%	21,340	12.83%
Part Time/Casual Paid Employment	179,270	14.62%	21,373	12.85%
Other Approved Programs	157,332	12.83%	24,208	14.55%
Work for the Dole	85,311	6.96%	10,298	6.19%
Voluntary Work in community/non profit sector	22,687	1.85%	3,869	2.33%
Other	4,662	<1%	130	<1%
Green Corps	2,151	<1%	111	<1%
Drought Force	788	<1%	8	<1%
Total	1,226,125	100%	166,350	100%