

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

DEEWR Question No.EW0429_11

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

JSA SUSPENSION RATE

What proportion of the JSA caseload is currently on suspension (has an exemption on looking for work and how does this compare with the level of suspensions under the former Job Network model?

Answer

Currently out of 784,996 JSA job seekers, 169,947 (22 per cent) of job seekers are suspended. The proportion of Job Services Australia job seekers with Centrelink legislative exemptions remained similar for Job Services Australia and Job Network. The figure has been largely steady, standing at 8.4 per cent in June 2007, compared to 7.5 per cent in August 2010.

Data regarding Job Services Australia Suspensions is provided in DEEWR Question No. EW0430_11.