

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

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

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

STREAM SERVICES

- a) Regarding Stream Services, can the Department please provide the numbers of job seekers in each Stream?
- b) What percentage of each Stream has achieved a 13 week employment outcome?
- c) What percentage of each Stream has achieved a 26 week employment outcome?
- d) What percentage of each Stream has transferred Streams?
- e) For Stream 1 job seekers, what is the average duration of unemployment?
- f) How many Stream 1 job seekers have been unemployed for 12 months or more?
- g) How does this compare with the average duration of unemployment by Stream 2 job seekers?

Answer

- a) The following table shows the number of fully eligible job seekers on the Job Services Australia active caseload as at 31 August 2010 by stream.

Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	Stream 4	Total
161,862	244,864	205,406	144,746	756,878

b) and c)

The method that the department uses to measure outcomes is the Post Program Monitoring (PPM) survey. The PPM measures job seekers' outcomes three months after participation in assistance.

	Stream 1		Stream 2		Stream 3		Stream 4	
	Employed full-time	Employed Part-time	Employed full-time	Employed Part-time	Employed full-time	Employed Part-time	Employed full-time	Employed Part-time
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Total	25	28	19	33	9	23	6	9

d) For the period 1 July 2009 to 31 August 2010, the proportion of commenced jobseekers by stream type who have moved to a higher stream is as follows:

- Stream 1 - 19%
- Stream 2 - 9%
- Stream 3 - 7%

e) As at 31 August 2010, the average unemployment duration for Stream 1 job seekers was approximately 6.9 months.

f) As at 31 August 2010, approximately 36 000 Stream 1 job seekers had been unemployed for 12 months or more.

g) As at 31 August 2010, the average unemployment duration for Stream 2 job seekers was approximately 10.4 months.