

**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 Cash provided in writing.

Question

Humanitarian Entrants – Workplace Participation

What are the barriers for humanitarian entrants having full workplace participation?

Answer

Based on the Job Services Australia (JSA) caseload, as at 3 November 2010, DEEWR notes there were 30 605 refugees registered. Barriers these people exhibit include:

- 13 512 (44.1 per cent) have not been in the labour force (recency of work experience)
- 13 140 (42.9 per cent) have poor English language level
- 9 011 (29.4 per cent) have only primary school or less than year 10 schooling, and
- 6 699 (21.9 per cent) have a disability.