

**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 Siewert provided in writing.

Question

JOB SEEKER ASSISTANCE DATA

Please provide the following data regarding jobseekers assisted by JSA providers during the last quarter for which these data are available:

- i. The number of jobseekers (disaggregated by duration of unemployment, broad age categories, sex, disability status and Indigenous status) in each Stream
- ii. The number of jobseekers (disaggregated in the same way) within each Stream in the work experience phase
- iii. Average full and part time employment outcomes (disaggregated in the same way) three months after completion of participation in each Stream (where 'completion' refers to exits from JSA, upgrading to a different stream, or completion of the first 12 months of activity within a Stream) or if this is not available, full and part time employment outcomes six months after commencing in a Stream
- iv. Average full and part time employment outcomes (disaggregated in the same way) six months after commencement of the work experience phase of assistance (for those who have commenced over 6 months ago)
- v. The overall proportion of jobseekers in each Stream, both prior to and during the work experience phase, attracting pathway outcome fee payments and full outcome fee payments respectively
- vi. Average expenditures from the employment pathway fund for each Stream both prior to and during the work experience phase, disaggregated by broad categories of expenditure (e.g. work experience, training).

Answer

- i. All data shows fully eligible job seekers on the Job Services Australia caseload as at 31 August 2010.

Job Services Australia caseload by stream

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

Job Services Australia caseload by unemployment duration

Duration of Unemployment	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	Stream 4	Total
0 to less than 6 mths	88,400	95,049	29,525	19,347	232,321
6 to less than 12 mths	37,528	58,315	21,377	18,760	135,980
12 to less than 24 mths	32,570	65,178	42,140	33,811	173,699
24 to less than 36 mths	3120	23365	28,383	23,165	78,033
36 mths or more	244	2,957	83,981	49,663	136,845
Total	161,862	244,864	205,406	144,746	756,878

Job Services Australia caseload by age

Age grouping	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	Stream 4	Total
15 to 20 yrs	23,754	48,442	18,994	22,881	114,071
21 to 24 yrs	28,876	28,378	19,770	17,032	94,056
25 to 34 yrs	41,249	47,040	40,017	35,937	164,243
35 to 49 yrs	48,952	75,215	68,054	51,450	243,671
50 yrs or more	19,031	45,789	58,571	17,446	140,837
Total	161,862	244,864	205,406	144,746	756,878

Job Services Australia caseload by gender

	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	Stream 4	Total
Female	69,761	108,945	112,153	58,495	349,354
Male	92,101	135,919	93,253	86,251	407,524
Total	161,862	244,864	205,406	144,746	756,878

Job Services Australia caseload by disability indicator

Disability Indicator	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	Stream 4	Total
No	154,149	219,197	146,575	78,820	598,741
Yes	7,713	25,667	58,831	65,926	158,137
Total	161,862	244,864	205,406	144,746	756,878

Job Services Australia caseload by Indigenous indicator

Indigenous Indicator	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	Stream 4	Total
No	159,136	231,039	156,936	119,153	666,264
Yes	2,726	13,825	48,470	25,593	90,614
Total	161,862	244,864	205,406	144,746	756,878

ii.

Work Experience caseload by stream

Stream 1	5,016
Stream 2	7,533
Stream 3	59,155
Stream 4	2,412
Total	74,116

Work Experience caseload by unemployment duration

Duration of unemployment	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	Stream 4	Total
0 to less than 6 mths	61	273	2,393	57	2,784
6 to less than 12 mths	49	385	1,163	28	1,625
12 to less than 24 mths	4,729	2,938	3,154	76	10,897
24 to less than 36 mths	175	3,113	2,536	247	6,071
36 mths or more	2	824	49,909	2,004	52,739
Total	5,016	7,533	59,155	2,412	74,116

Work Experience caseload by age

Age category	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	Stream 4	Total
15 to 20 yrs	298	996	2,150	70	3,514
21 to 24 yrs	1,047	1,083	6,505	125	8,760
25 to 34 yrs	1,623	1,454	11,181	535	14,793
35 to 49 yrs	1,648	2,818	20,366	1,163	25,995
50 yrs or more	400	1,182	18,953	519	21,054
Total	5,016	7,533	59,155	2,412	74,116

Work Experience caseload by gender

Gender	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	Stream 4	Total
Female	1,238	3,132	28,622	1,107	34,099
Male	3,778	4,401	30,533	1,305	40,017
Total	5,016	7,533	59,155	2,412	74,116

Work Experience caseload by disability indicator

Disability Indicator	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	Stream 4	Total
No	4,905	7,072	47,053	1,205	60,235
Yes	111	461	12,102	1,207	13,881
Total	5,016	7,533	59,155	2,412	74,116

Work Experience Caseload by indigenous status

Indigenous indicator	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	Stream 4	Total
No	5,003	7,364	45,723	1,901	59,991
Yes	13	169	13,432	511	14,125
Total	5,016	7,533	59,155	2,412	74,116

iii The Post-Program Monitoring (PPM) survey is conducted by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and measures job seekers' outcomes three months after participation in assistance. Full and part-time employment outcomes by stream are shown in the table below.

PPM employment outcomes by Stream¹

Total employment outcomes

	Stream1		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

Age

	Stream1		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
Age Group	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
15 to 20 yrs	18	28	16	33	16	20	5	6
21 to 24 yrs	30	27	22	30	14	21	8	11
25 to 34 yrs	30	24	25	29	14	20	7	10
35 to 49 yrs	26	29	20	35	9	23	5	9
50 yrs or more	20	29	18	35	7	24	3	8

Unemployment duration

	Stream1		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
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
0 to less than 6 mths	29	27	32	32	13	25	7	16
6 to less than 12	19	29	14	36	10	27	8	11
12 to less than 24	13	27	14	34	6	19	4	10
24 to less than 36	na	na	7	28	11	23	5	6
36 mths or more	na	na	na	na	5	19	3	7

Gender

	Stream1		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
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Males	30	21	24	27	13	19	7	7
Females	18	37	14	41	6	25	3	11

Disability status

	Stream1		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
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Disability	12	27	13	25	6	21	4	8

Indigenous status

	Employed full-time	Employed Part-time	Employed full-time	Employed Part-time	Employed full-time	Employed Part-time	Employed full-time	Employed Part-time
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Indigenous	23	19	13	34	16	17	7	5

1 The results shown relate to job seekers who transitioned into the initial service period, or commenced an initial service period, in July 2009, and exited their stream placement, or were still in their stream placement at 30 June 2010 with PPM outcomes recorded around three months later.

na: Not available as the estimate is based on a small number of known outcomes.

iv. The Department does not measure employment outcomes six months following commencement in the Work Experience Phase. The Department through the PPM survey measures the outcomes of job seekers three months after either they exit the Work Experience Phase or reach 12 months in the Phase. At present it is not possible to report outcomes for the Work Experience Phase as there have been insufficient number of job seekers who have reached 12 months in the Work Experience Phase to be able to calculate robust outcome estimates. PPM survey results for the Work Experience phase should be available in late 2011.

v. The total number of 13 Week Pathway and Full Outcomes and proportions, by Stream for the period 1 July 2009 to 31 August 2010 is shown below.

STREAM	13 Week Pathway Outcome	Percentage of Total	13 Week Full Outcomes	Percentage of Total
Stream 2	25,519	58%	78,474	70%
Stream 3	8,432	19%	15,985	14%
Stream 4	4,385	10%	10,600	9%
Work Experience	5,768	13%	7,752	7%
Total	44,104	100%	112,811	100%

vi The following table provides:

- The average expenditure per Employment Pathway Fund (EPF) transaction for all EPF expenditure to 31 August 2010; and
- The average expenditure per EPF transaction for all EPF expenditure that occurred while the job seeker was in a Work Experience Phase (WEPH) period of service for JSA.

Note: EPF reports do not currently identify whether expenditure has occurred prior to a WEPH.

Fund Service	Date	EPF Debits to 31/08/2010	
		Average \$ per transaction for all EPF expenditure #	Average \$ per transaction incurred during a JSA WEPH Period of Service #
	Group of Category Desc		
Stream 1	Equipment, Tools & Clothing	\$85.84	\$92.67
	Job Seeker Support, Contact & Mentoring including Remote Services	\$59.41	\$57.40
	Other **	\$83.09	\$114.16
	Pre-employment, Travel & Licensing Assistance	\$45.12	\$61.32
	Professional Services including Interpreters	\$84.90	\$269.60
	Self Employment & Wage Subsidy	\$916.21	\$750.00
	Training, Associated Books & Equipment	\$175.82	\$328.09
	Total	\$120.81	\$138.19
Stream 2	Equipment, Tools & Clothing	\$105.69	\$99.23
	Job Seeker Support, Contact & Mentoring including Remote Services	\$71.99	\$62.38
	Other **	\$156.86	\$173.56
	Pre-employment, Travel & Licensing Assistance	\$92.13	\$87.31
	Professional Services including Interpreters	\$238.61	\$231.20
	Self Employment & Wage Subsidy	\$1,411.91	\$1,295.99
	Training, Associated Books & Equipment	\$291.72	\$289.33
	Total	\$187.23	\$159.54
Stream 3	Equipment, Tools & Clothing	\$108.20	\$102.36
	Job Seeker Support, Contact & Mentoring including Remote Services	\$69.67	\$70.32
	Other **	\$172.33	\$174.71
	Pre-employment, Travel & Licensing Assistance	\$94.44	\$82.16
	Professional Services including Interpreters	\$183.99	\$211.67
	Self Employment & Wage Subsidy	\$1,981.36	\$2,011.03
	Training, Associated Books & Equipment	\$324.66	\$309.42
	Total	\$192.65	\$180.57
Stream 4	Equipment, Tools & Clothing	\$106.52	\$103.97
	Job Seeker Support, Contact & Mentoring including Remote Services	\$85.41	\$77.32
	Other **	\$171.29	\$125.31
	Pre-employment, Travel & Licensing Assistance	\$86.08	\$68.14
	Professional Services including Interpreters	\$188.75	\$171.31
	Self Employment & Wage Subsidy	\$2,115.45	\$1,933.79
	Training, Associated Books & Equipment	\$309.78	\$270.40
	Total	\$189.92	\$164.03

* EPF Debits – reflects reimbursements and commitments for purchases under EPF (recording a commitment enables a provider to set aside funds for a specific purchase without risk that these funds being drawn down for another purpose i.e. prior to when the purchase can be finalised).

Some EPF expenditure is not recorded against individual job seekers and has not been attributed to the averages - this includes Work Experience activities and batch purchases under \$300 (for example a book of bus/train tickets distributed to a number of job seekers over time).

** The category of 'Other' includes includes miscellaneous EPF Debits categories (for example: Stream 4 Assistance, Short Term Child Care Assistance, Relocation Assistance).