

**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.EW0613_11

Senator Abetz asked on 20/10/2010, Hansard page 120.

Question

Senator ABETZ—Undoubtedly you will require officials in relation to the no show, no pay and how that is working. Ms Paul—How it is working at the minute? Senator ABETZ—Yes. Ms Paul—I do not have any of the figures with me but I am more than happy to take it on notice. Senator ABETZ—I appreciate that. Ms Paul—I presume you want just the statistics.

Answer

The following table provides a breakdown of the applied No Show No Pay Participation Reports for the period 1 July 2009 to 31 August 2010:

Applied No Show No Pay Failures	Total	Total %
Failure to attend activity specified in Employment Pathway Plan	19 980	91.3%
Failure to attend job interview	1 324	6.1%
Inappropriate conduct in Employment Pathway Plan activity	316	1.5%
Inappropriate presentation or conduct at job interview	250	1.1%
Total	21 780	100.00%

Question

Senator ABETZ—Yes. Can you tell us anything about star ratings? Ms Paul—It depends what you want to know. In the broad, I might be able to tell you. Try me. Senator ABETZ—I understand that there were 646 sites that only had a one-star rating for stream 1 job seekers. Ms Paul—I will have to take that on notice. Senator ABETZ—I understand that. Ms Paul—Basically with the star ratings there was a pretty clear bell curve in terms of ratings from 1 to 5. I cannot recall the proportion of one-star ratings but it was either five or 10 per cent, a pretty small proportion, and the same at the high end too. It was basically what you would expect. Senator ABETZ—You have got a figure there? Ms Paul—The information I have just been given here says about 72 per cent of sites or 78 per cent of contracts were at three stars or above.

Answer

Please refer to EW0449_11.

Question

Senator ABETZ—On additional redundancy support, I understand \$298.5 million was made available to JSA— Ms Paul—Job Services Australia providers. Senator ABETZ—Thank you—for people made redundant during the GFC. Was or has all this money been utilised? Ms Paul—I need to take that on notice. Basically what that is is allowing retrenched workers into stream 2 immediately. So it was the difference between our estimate of how many would have gone into stream 1, which receives lower amounts of supplementation to stream 2, and that that accounted for that costing. How much has actually been used I will need to take on notice. Certainly it has been very popular and has been used for precisely that: that retrenched workers have had access—

Answer

Please refer to EW0452_11