

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 4 - Employment

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Senator Fifield provided in writing.

Question

Disability Employment Services - Caseload

How many jobseekers on the DES caseload are currently voluntary jobseekers?
What was the average payment to providers per jobseeker in Disability Employment Services in 2010-11?

Of jobseekers that were employed through DES in 2010–11, what percentage worked more than 15 hours or more per week?

Of jobseekers that are employed through DES, what percentage claimed a partial rate of the Disability Support Pension for 2010–11?

Answer

As at 31 August 2011, there were a total of 58 869 (40 per cent) volunteer job seekers on the DES caseload.

During the 2010–11 financial year, the average payment to providers per job seeker was approximately \$4100.

During the 2010–11 financial year, 75 per cent of all employment placements for DES job seekers were for positions advertised as 15 hours per week or more. The Department does not collect data on actual hours worked.

As at 31 August 2011, 7 per cent of job seekers on the DES commenced caseload participated in the program and were in receipt of a part rate of payment for Disability Support Pension.