

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 3 – Employment

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Senator Sinodinos asked on 17 October 2012 , Hansard page 80

Question

What is the percentage of voluntary participants in DES?

Senator SINODINOS: What is the percentage of the voluntary participants? Ms Buffinton: I do not have a figure for volunteers. I can certainly take that on notice. But I can say that when you are on DSP you would volunteer into the disability employment service. You do not have an activity requirement. We also take into the disability employment services those that are on no income support. You also have access to the disability employment service even if you are a nonallowee, and obviously they are also volunteers. But I am very happy to take that on notice.

Answer

As at 31 August 2012, the percentage of voluntary participants on the caseload in Disability Employment Services was 38 per cent.

The percentage of voluntary participants on the caseload in Disability Management Service was 23 per cent, and the percentage of voluntary participants on the caseload in Employment Support Service was 53 per cent.

Data as at 31 August 2012	Voluntary participants (%)
Disability Employment Services (DES)	38%
DES - Disability Management Service	23%
DES - Employment Support Service	53%