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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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SENATOR WONG—I am just trying to get a sense as to what the general proposition is. If they have a job seeker diary, is it six to ten inclusive per fortnight and, if they do not have a job seeker diary, is it at least four applications a fortnight? Ms Hogg—I will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

Job seekers who have been issued with a Jobseeker Diary are generally required to report four to ten job search contacts per fortnight. The required number can be more than ten (up to sixteen) for job seekers who are undertaking intensive job search as part of choosing Relocation to meet their Mutual Obligation requirements. The required number can be less than four where a job seeker's circumstances warrant a reduction, for example due to personal factors or local labour market conditions. Job seekers who have not been issued a Jobseeker Diary are generally required to report four job search contacts per fortnight.