

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 3 - Employment

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

State unemployment rates

Which three states have the highest unemployment rate according to the ABS statistics released in January and February 2013?

Answer

In February 2013, Tasmania recorded the highest unemployment rate of all the states, with an unemployment rate of 6.6 per cent. This was followed by Queensland and South Australia (both 5.8 per cent).

Tasmania also recorded the highest unemployment rate of 7.7 per cent in January 2013. This was followed by Victoria and South Australia (both 6.1 per cent).