

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output 1.2: Labour market programme management and delivery

Output 1.2.2: Employment Services

Question Number: W031-06

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Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 89:

In relation to the 137 employment service areas across Australia, can you please provide a list of the ranking? Plus a list of the 30 employment service areas that the 1500 new places went to assessed as having the highest need. Are there any ESAs outside the 30 that do not reach the benchmark? How much further up would the benchmark not be met, or is the evidence that these are the only ones that do not meet the benchmarks?

Answer:

In consultation with the industry representative bodies, it was agreed that the 1500 additional places would be distributed to existing providers to facilitate early availability of these places. In January 2005, there were 16 ESAs where no open employment service provided employment assistance under Case Based Funding (CBF) arrangements. Consequently, these 16 ESAs were not included in the ranking.

A list of the 30 employment service areas (ranked in order) which were assessed as having the highest demand and which received the 1500 new disability open employment places was tabled at the time of the Budget Senate Estimates Hearing.

There was no single benchmark used for the allocation of the 1500 new disability open employment places. Instead a number of variables were used to develop a proxy demand measure for the distribution of additional places. These variables were weighted according to their relevance and are:

- utilisation of AWT places;
- growth in new Disability Support Pension grants;
- number of Centrelink referrals rejected by services due to no vacancy;
- number of extra places accessed; and

- ratios of the number of places and services for every 100 people receiving DSP (68% of people seeking disability employment assistance receive DSP, so the analysis considered the home location of DSP recipients, and compared this to the supply of DEA services and places in the ESA).

Based on these variables, ESAs were ranked from the highest level of demand for places to the lowest. The 1500 places were then allocated across the top 30 ESAs .

Ranking of 137 Employment Service Areas for the process of allocating 1500 new disability open employment places

Rank	ESA Name	State
1	Fraser Coast	Qld
2	Kempsey	NSW
3	Murraylands	SA
4	Warwick	Qld
5	Bundaberg	Qld
6	Perth Sth West Metro	WA
7	Kwinana /Rockingham	WA
8	Fleurieu / Kangaroo Island	SA
9	Central Coast	NSW
10	Gladstone	Qld
11	Port Pirie	SA
12	Perth East Metro	WA
13	Perth North Metro	WA
14	Launceston	Tas
15	Hunter	NSW
16	Lower Great Southern	WA
17	Blue Mountains	NSW
18	Grafton	NSW
19	South East - Vic	Vic
20	Richmond	NSW
21	Rockhampton	Qld
22	Eureka	Vic
23	Orana	NSW
24	Western District	Vic
25	Mid Murray	Vic
26	Cairns	Qld
27	Toowoomba	Qld
28	Peninsula	Vic
29	Emerald	Qld
30	West Kimberley	WA
31	Dale	WA
32	South West - WA	WA
33	Grampians	Vic
34	Lower Hunter	NSW
35	Macarthur	NSW
36	Bendigo	Vic
37	Western Downs	Qld
38	Gympie	Qld
39	Hobart	Tas
40	Gawler	SA
41	Katherine	NT
42	North Coast	NSW
43	South	Vic
44	Ipswich	Qld
45	Keepit	NSW
46	South Western Adelaide	SA

47	North Western Adelaide	SA
48	Taree	NSW
49	Mid West & Gascoyne	WA
50	North East	NSW
51	North Eastern Adelaide	SA
52	Tablelands	Qld
53	Central Western	NSW
54	Gold Coast	Qld
55	Central West	NSW
56	Midlands Wheat Belt	WA
57	Logan	Qld
58	Perth Sth East Metro	WA
59	Townsville	Qld
60	Redcliffe Caboolture	Qld
61	Central Murrumbidgee	NSW
62	Inner West	NSW
63	Shoalhaven	NSW
64	Southern Adelaide Hills	SA
65	West	Vic
66	Southern Adelaide	SA
67	Northern Adelaide	SA
68	Riverland	SA
69	Gwydir Namoi	NSW
70	South East - SA	SA
71	Kiewa	Vic
72	Goulburn Valley	Vic
73	West & North West	Tas
74	Hume	NSW
75	Darwin	NT
76	Tweed	NSW
77	Murray Darling	NSW
78	Lower South Coast	NSW
79	Goldfields	WA
80	Coffs Harbour	NSW
81	Esperance	WA
82	Adelaide Metro	SA
83	North shore	NSW
84	North West	Vic
85	East Gippsland	Vic
86	Geelong	Vic
87	Wollongong	NSW
88	St George Sutherland	NSW
89	Hastings	NSW
90	InnerCity/Eastern Suburbs	NSW
91	Southern Tablelands	NSW
92	Alice Springs	NT
93	Parkes	NSW
94	Canterbury/Bankstown	NSW
95	South East Brisbane	Qld
96	South West - Vic	Vic
97	East	Vic

98	Hawkesbury	NSW
99	Perth Central	WA
100	South West Brisbane	Qld
101	North Brisbane	Qld
102	Sturt	NSW
103	North	Vic
104	Outer West	NSW
105	Australian Capital Territory	ACT
106	Sunshine Coast	Qld
107	West & South Gippsland	Vic
108	Southern Highlands	NSW
109	Sunraysia	Vic
110	Patterson	NSW
111	Oxley	NSW
112	Central Eastern	NSW
113	Upper Hunter	NSW
114	Port Augusta	SA
115	Fairfield/Liverpool	NSW
116	Inner East	Vic
117	Mackay	Qld
118	East Pilbara	WA
119	Karratha	WA
120	Hampden	Vic
121	Mt Isa	Qld