SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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Senator Cash provided in writing.

Question

Small Area Labour Markets Data

What data is DEEWR relying on instead to provide it with a comprehensive breakdown of unemployment on a geographical basis?

Answer

In addition to monitoring movements in unemployment estimates at the Small Area Labour Market (SALM) level, the Department closely monitors labour market developments at the national, State/Territory and regional level, using monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS) data compiled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), as well as DEEWR Administrative Data.