

**Question on notice no. 143**

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**2019-20 Supplementary budget estimates**

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee, Infrastructure,  
Transport, Cities and Regional Development Portfolio**

**Senator Glenn Sterle:** asked the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development on 8 November 2019—

Provide the rainfall rate and agriculture, fisheries and forestry employment rate as at the commencement of caretaker for the 14 councils announced during the 2019 election as eligible for Drought Communities Program Extension.

**Answer —**

See attachment.

**Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Topic:** Data on rainfall deficiency and agriculture, fisheries and forestry employment for 14 LGAs  
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**Answer:**

At the review of 24 months ending 31 December 2018 (the latest Bureau of Meteorology data used by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development before the commencement of the 'caretaker period' on 11 April 2019), the rainfall deficiency and agriculture, fishery and forestry employment data was:

<b>Local Government Area</b>	<b>Employment in Agriculture, Fishery and Forestry (%)</b>	<b>Rainfall deficiency (%)</b>
Balranald, NSW	31.94	39.4
Berrigan, NSW	19.35	43.5
Coolamon, NSW	23.52	61.3
Federation, NSW	17.41	13.3
Hay, NSW	25.37	37.3
Adelaide Plains, SA	10.15	98.8
Alexandrina, SA	9.05	92.9
Copper Coast, SA	7.96	97.9
Port Pirie City and District, SA	4.24	99.1
Renmark Paringa, SA	19.76	44.0
Unincorporated Far North, SA	25.63	44.2
Latrobe, Vic	2.92	100.0
Mildura, Vic	11.28	54.4
Yarriambiack, Vic	28.57	37.5