

Question on notice no. 143

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**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—

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Answer —

See attachment.

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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:

Local Government Area	Employment in Agriculture, Fishery and Forestry (%)	Rainfall deficiency (%)
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