

## Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 24 FEBRUARY 2011 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

#### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Local Connections to Work

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**Senator:** Siewert

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#### **Question:**

Can you please provide the number of people who have accessed the local connections to work program by location for 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010?

#### **Answer:**

In May to June 2010, Local Connections to Work was successfully implemented in four Centrelink offices: Frankston, Victoria; Campsie, New South Wales; Ipswich, Queensland; and Elizabeth, South Australia.

During the period 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010, 1089 people attended 3393 wrap around interviews under Local Connections to Work. The table below provides a summary by site.

Site	Initial Interviews	Subsequent Interviews	Total
Frankston	294	838	1,132
Campsie	204	549	753
Ipswich	209	480	689
Elizabeth	382	437	819
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,089</b>	<b>2,304</b>	<b>3,393</b>

In addition, during the period 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010, thousands of people used the Local Connections to Work services offered by the government and community organisations which co-located on a rostered basis in these four Centrelink offices. The table below provides a summary by site.

Site	Medicare Services	Services other than Medicare	Total
Frankston	1,291	171	1,462
Campsie	3,605	161	3,766
Ipswich	1,628	159	1,787
Elizabeth	2,600	303	2,903
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,124</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>9,918</b>