

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

Senator FURNER: Would you be mindful of the greatest uptake of jobs in any of the states throughout the nation and whether there is any particular state that stands out beyond any others?

Mr Tidswell: I am just looking for that. I am not sure whether I have with me the breakdown of those figures, unfortunately.

Senator FURNER: Maybe on notice. I would appreciate it if you could come back to us on a state-by-state basis with how many jobs were generated as a result of the expos.

Mr Tidswell: Absolutely.

Answer:

New South Wales and Victoria have the highest average number of people connected with employment and training opportunities per expo. The number of connections to employment and training opportunities varies across expos and depends on the location of the expo (regional or metropolitan) and local labour market conditions.

From 1 July 2009 to 14 February 2013, there were 69 Jobs and Skills Expos held. The numbers of people connected with an employment and training opportunity as a result of attending a Jobs and Skills Expo, by State, are as follows:

| State | Number of expos | Number of people connected with an employment and training opportunity | Average number of people connected per expo |
|-------------------|-----------------|--|---|
| New South Wales | 22 | 9,044 | 411 |
| Victoria | 15* | 6,512 | 434 |
| Queensland | 20 | 5,736 | 287 |
| South Australia | 5 | 1,475 | 295 |
| Western Australia | 3 | 1,228 | 409 |
| Tasmania | 4 | 808 | 202 |
| Total | 69 | 24,803 | 359 |

**This figure takes into account two Jobs and Skills Expos held in Albury, NSW. As Albury falls within the North Eastern Victoria priority employment area, it is counted as a Victorian expo.*