

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Question No: 294

Topic: Job Capacity Assessments

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Senator McKenzie asked:

This was a question I asked in relation to job capacity assessments during the Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 – Schedule 3 (Disability Support Pension Impairment Tables) on 6 September 2011.

I asked the department to please provide the number and location of job capacity assessments (JCA) by region particularly a comparison of urban to rural and regional areas?

The response was inadequate. The department merely responded by providing a break down of type of region, not “by region”.

Question:

I need specific details such as the number and location of JCAs in say for example, regional Queensland, or Central Queensland, etc.

Answer:

The table on the following pages sets out the number of DSP Job Capacity Assessors (full time equivalent) employed by the Department of Human Services as at 31 October 2011, collated by State, Area and relevant Zone (see Zone definitions below). The data is based on the Job Capacity Assessor’s office location, but assessors may also service other locations.

Zone	Population
Capital City	Capital and surrounds
Other Metropolitan	> 100,000
Rural Large	25,000 - 100,000
Rural Small	10,000 - 25,000
Remote	< 10,000

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State	Area	Zone	Number of Job Capacity Assessors
ACT	South West NSW (NSW/ACT)	Capital City	5.0
		ACT Total	5.0
NSW	Hunter (NSW)	Other Metropolitan	31.7
		Rural Large	13.2
		Rural Small	1.5
	North Central Victoria (VIC/NSW)	Rural Large	2.5
	Pacific Central (NSW/QLD)	Other Metropolitan	2.0
		Rural Large	13.8
		Rural Small	3.0
	South West NSW (NSW/ACT)	Capital City	1.0
		Rural Large	14.1
		Rural Small	7.5
	Sydney East	Capital City	39.4
		Other Metropolitan	11.4
	Sydney West	Capital City	58.8
		NSW Total	199.9
NT	Northern Territory (NT/WA)	Capital City	4.0
		Other Metropolitan	9.5
		Remote	4.1
	NT Total	17.6	
QLD	Central North Queensland	Other Metropolitan	5.8
		Remote	1.8
		Rural Large	16.5
		Rural Small	2.0
	Pacific Central (NSW/QLD)	Other Metropolitan	18.3
		Rural Small	0.6
	South East Queensland	Capital City	23.0
		Other Metropolitan	10.2
		Rural Large	11.3
		Rural Small	1.0
	South West Queensland	Capital City	38.7
		Rural Large	8.5
		Rural Small	2.8
QLD Total	140.5		
SA	South Australia	Capital City	50.5
		Rural Small	6.5
		SA Total	57.0

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State	Area	Zone	Number of Job Capacity Assessors
TAS	Tasmania	Capital City	8.2
		Other Metropolitan	5.4
		Rural Large	2.5
		Rural Small	1.0
		TAS Total	17.1
VIC	North Central Victoria (VIC/NSW)	Capital City	44.8
		Rural Large	0.7
		Rural Small	7.4
	South East Victoria	Capital City	48.1
		Rural Large	3.7
		Rural Small	3.7
	West Victoria	Capital City	25.5
		Other Metropolitan	4.6
		Rural Large	8.6
		Rural Small	4.6
			VIC Total
WA	Northern Territory (NT/WA)	Remote	3.0
	Western Australia	Capital City	38.5
		Remote	0.6
		Rural Large	3.7
		Rural Small	1.2
			WA Total
		Grand Total	635.8