

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

#### Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000117

Senator Lines provided in writing.

#### Question

##### jobactive caseload

What is the number of caseload suspensions nationally and by region?  
How do caseload numbers compare to the Department's projections, nationally and by region?

#### Answer

The table below provides a breakdown of the jobactive suspended caseload by Employment Region.

**Table 1:** Total jobactive suspended caseload by Employment Region as at 31 December 2015

Employment Region	Suspended Caseload
Adelaide North	7,016
Adelaide South	5,766
Ballarat	1,342
Barwon	2,292
Bendigo	1,709
Brisbane South East	6,467
Broome	102
Cairns	2,429
Capital Region	2,288
Central West	1,352
Darling Downs	2,125
Darwin (includes Alice Springs)	653
Esperance	113
Far West Orana (includes Broken Hill)	748
Fitzroy	1,811
Geraldton	217
Gippsland	2,739
Gold Coast	5,932
Goulburn/Murray	3,522
Great Southern - Wheatbelt	972
Hobart and Southern Tasmania	1,980

<b>Employment Region</b>	<b>Suspended Caseload</b>
Hunter	5,766
Illawarra South Coast	5,319
Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	5,365
Kalgoorlie	208
Mackay	1,092
Mid North Coast	4,162
Mid North SA	1,044
Murray and South East	1,340
Murray Riverina	1,339
New England and North West	1,460
North and North Western Tasmania	2,713
North Coast	3,628
North Eastern Melbourne	7,744
North West Country SA	587
North Western Melbourne	2,307
Perth - North	5,771
Perth - South	6,475
Somerset	6,420
South Coast of Victoria	1,029
South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	8,771
South West WA	1,395
Sydney East Metro	6,840
Sydney Greater West	7,538
Sydney North and West	5,349
Sydney South West	7,183
Townsville (includes Mt Isa)	1,727
Western Melbourne	5,438
Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	7,726
Wimmera Mallee	1,435
Wivenhoe	2,918
<b>National Total</b>	<b>171,664</b>

The department does not estimate below the national level the caseload of job seekers who are receiving services from jobactive providers.

As at 31 December 2015, 531,068 job seekers were receiving services from jobactive providers. This is around 50,000 fewer than estimated and does not include job seekers suspended from receiving services from their provider or job seekers who have been referred to a provider but have not yet commenced with them.

The same comparison is not available at an employment region level.