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Question

Targets for Work for the Dole coordinators

Senator CAMERON: Can you then provide details of the targets you have assessed in each of the regions for each of the work for the Work for the Dole coordinators?

Mr Hehir: I think there is only one Work for the Dole in each region, so we can do that.

Senator CAMERON: With those targets that are for the Work for the Dole coordinators, what proportion is that of the total expected numbers of the 150,000? Does that match the 150,000?

Mr Hehir: We have not precluded the jobactive providers from also sourcing Work for the Dole places. If the jobactive providers are very active then the spots required by the Work for the Dole coordinators will reduce, but the total figure required will be close to 150,000.

Senator CAMERON: Can you give us a breakdown of the numbers that you expect the Work for the Dole coordinators to get—what they are actually delivering; the figures that they have delivered—and how many people are entering Work for the Dole from jobactive?

Ms Leon : Do you mean via places sourced by the jobactive provider?

Senator CAMERON: I mean by the jobactive provider into work for the dole.

Ms Leon : Yes.

Mr Hehir: Yes.

Answer

The estimated number of job seekers expected to require a Work for the Dole place in the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 is 150,000. Of these, it was expected that between 45,000 and 50,000 job seekers would participate in Work for the Dole in the first six months (1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015) of jobactive. These are estimates only and can be affected by changes in labour market conditions, variations in job seeker caseloads and the personal circumstances of individual job seekers.

During the first six months of jobactive, 52,904 individual job seekers participated in Work for the Dole. A job seeker can participate in multiple Work for the Dole activities.

For the first six months of jobactive a total 67,050 Work for the Dole places were sourced. Work for the Dole places can be sourced by both Work for the Dole Coordinators and jobactive providers.

Work for the Dole Coordinators were asked to source a total of 46,570 places for the first six months. Of these, Work for the Dole Coordinators have sourced 77.7 per cent. Table 1 provides a breakdown of the estimated number of Work for the Dole places required in each Employment Region and the number sourced by each Work for the Dole Coordinator.

Table 1: Estimated number of Work for the Dole places required in the first six months in each Employment Region and the number of places sourced by Work for the Dole Coordinators

Employment Region	Estimated number of places required	Number of places sourced by WfD coordinator	Number of places sourced by jobactive providers	Total places
Adelaide North	2,170	1,666	1,539	3,205
Adelaide South	1,470	1,068	1,089	2,157
Ballarat	430	384	32	416
Barwon	520	539	338	877
Bendigo	390	453	124	577
Brisbane South East	1,830	1,934	1,290	3,224
Broome	70	45	100	145
Cairns	840	711	1,049	1,760
Capital Region	780	555	196	751
Central West	550	316	282	598
Darling Downs	540	560	407	967
Darwin (includes Alice Springs)	260	254	56	310
Esperance	30	76	0	76
Far West Orana (includes Broken Hill)	480	563	74	637
Fitzroy	670	369	499	868
Geraldton	120	163	5	168
Gippsland	710	552	187	739
Gold Coast	1,320	1,272	165	1,437
Goulburn/Murray	840	624	149	773
Great Southern - Wheatbelt	360	310	28	338
Hobart and Southern Tasmania	810	461	246	707
Hunter	1,800	986	1,105	2,091
Illawarra South Coast	1,130	951	761	1,712
Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	1,630	740	1,120	1,860
Kalgoorlie	70	114	25	139
Mackay	410	396	289	685
Mid North Coast	840	1,436	173	1,609
Mid North SA	300	364	65	429
Murray and South East	480	502	56	558
Murray Riverina	460	255	34	289
New England and North West	720	558	725	1,283
North and North Western Tasmania	870	673	1,297	1,970
North Coast	650	1,079	73	1,152
North Eastern Melbourne	1,580	1,096	1,054	2,150
North West Country SA	320	746	1	747

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North Western Melbourne	750	611	416	1,027
Perth - North	1,470	578	488	1,066
Perth - South	1,750	582	1,639	2,221
Somerset	1,670	1,362	2,125	3,487
South Coast of Victoria	220	195	109	304
South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	1,850	1,090	1,453	2,543
South West WA	350	303	157	460
Sydney East Metro	1,560	859	1,635	2,494
Sydney Greater West	1,810	1,307	1,107	2,414
Sydney North and West	1,130	1,094	820	1,914
Sydney South West	1,690	1,505	750	2,255
Townsville (includes Mt Isa)	780	648	867	1,515
Western Melbourne	1,900	807	2,148	2,955
Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	1,670	1,093	2,070	3,163
Wimmera Mallee	450	504	146	650
Wivenhoe	1,070	884	294	1,178
Total	46,570	36,193	30,857	67,050