

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Question

ABS labour force regions

Senator O'NEILL: In terms of the regions, how is it structured?

Mr Roddam: There are ABS labour force regions. The department, in another area of the department, also produces the Small area labour markets publication, which, as the title would suggest, deals with quite small areas.

Ms Parker: There is quite a lot of this on the Department of Employment website, but we are happy to provide it on notice as well.

Senator O'NEILL: If we could have the data that you have and that you use with regard to the workforce breakdown, by region or by electorate, that would be good.

Ms Parker: That is fine. We can do that.

Answer

The Department of Employment publishes a broad range of labour force data for ABS Statistical Area Level 4 (SA4) regions on the Labour Market Information Portal (LMIP). These estimates can be found at the link below:

<http://lmip.gov.au/default.aspx?LMIP/DownloadableData/LabourForceRegionLFR>

The Department of Employment also produces quarterly unemployment rate, unemployment level and labour force estimates at the Statistical Area Level 2 (SA2) and Local Government Area (LGA) level from its *Small Area Labour Markets* publication, which can be found at the link below:

<https://employment.gov.au/small-area-labour-markets-publication>

With respect to labour force data by electorate, the Parliamentary Library produces quarterly unemployment, unemployment rate and labour force estimates by Federal electorate, which it uploads to its internal intranet site for use by Members and Senators and their staff. Accordingly, any questions pertaining to electorate data will need to be directed to the Parliamentary Library.