

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

#### **Outcome 1 - Employment**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000127**

**Senator Siewert asked on 01 June 2015 on proof Hansard page 49**

#### **Question**

##### **Hosts of Work for the Dole 2014–15 places**

Senator SIEWERT: So you cannot actually tell where people are being hosted in Work for the Dole?

Mr Hehir: We can tell. If we go to individual job seekers—

Ms Leon: If you want us to go manually to 25,000 job seekers, we might not get that back on time.

Senator SIEWERT: You cannot do that in each region? So you do not have that data for each—

Ms Leon: There have been 25,000 places of Work for the Dole. I just think we will have to take on notice how much we are able to tell you who the host organisation was for all of those places individually. We may just be able to list a larger number of them.

Senator SIEWERT: I do not need to know, obviously, individually. I want to know the larger ones in the regions. The reason I am asking is you are now about to try to find 150,000—

Ms Leon: But in many more regions.

Senator SIEWERT: placements, yes.

Ms Leon: So it was based on the same for the regions. The numbers that we predicted for the regions are based on the same estimates about availability of places. The reason we now are estimating many more places is that it is not only in 18 areas; it is nationwide.

#### **Answer**

The requested information is not readily available and it would involve an unreasonable diversion of the Department's resources to ascertain such information.