

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

#### Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000228

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Relates to previous Department of Employment Question No. EM1632\_15

#### Question

##### Job Commitment Bonus - Breakdown of job seekers

To date, how many job seekers are currently on track to receive this payment?

- What is the breakdown by age;
- What is the breakdown by gender;
- What is the breakdown by state;
- What is the breakdown by regional and metropolitan areas;
- How long were they previously unemployed for?

#### Answer

As at 26 May 2015, 32,913 individuals were tracking toward claiming the Job Commitment Bonus, that is, they were aged 18 to 30 while receiving Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance (other) for 12 months or more, but now have left, and are still off, income support. Below is the breakdown:

##### Tracking by age

Age	Potentially eligible individuals - exited and still off income support
18	421
19	2,070
20	3,255
21	3,134
22	2,219
23	2,976
24	3,442
25	3,124
26	2,787
27	2,469
28	2,189
29	2,099
30	1,866
31	862
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,913</b>

##### Tracking by gender

Gender	Potentially eligible individuals - exited and still off income support
Male	21,559
Female	11,354
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,913</b>

**Tracking by state and territory**

<b>State/Territory</b>	<b>Potentially eligible individuals - exited and still off income support</b>
New South Wales	9,784
Victoria	8,377
Queensland	7,214
South Australia	2,846
Western Australia	2,734
Tasmania	1,116
Northern Territory	549
Australian Capital Territory	293
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,913</b>

**Tracking by locality**

<b>Locality</b>	<b>Potentially eligible individuals - exited and still off income support</b>
Metropolitan	19,285
Regional*	13,628
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,913</b>

\* Regional are those not living in large capital cities (i.e., excludes Hobart, Darwin and Canberra).

**Tracking by unemployment duration\***

<b>Duration on the last income support episode</b>	<b>Potentially eligible individuals - exited and still off income support</b>
Less than 2 years	24,573
2<5 years	7,823
5 years +	513
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,913</b>

\* Based on the last duration of income support.