

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Question

Skills vacancy report

From our skill vacancy reports each month, we know there are in the order of 150,000 to 170,000 new vacancies advertised. A large proportion of those are low skill jobs so they are very suitable as entry-level jobs for young people. Obviously it is patchy. Some areas are much stronger than others. We also know that roughly 50 per cent of jobs are not advertised; they are filled through word of mouth and through networks so there is a much larger proportion than our skilled vacancy index might indicate.

Senator O'NEILL: The senator and I live in regional areas. We are hearing this and I am thinking about it taking three hours on public transport to get from Chain Valley Bay to Gosford if you need to go to the hospital so trying to get to these jobs is a challenge.

Senator URQUHART: Do you have a regional breakdown of where those vacancies are?

Ms Kidd: Yes. We can get you some regional information on notice.

Answer

The Department of Employment's Vacancy Report shows that, in trend terms, around 159,500 vacancies were newly advertised in September 2015 on the three websites monitored (SEEK, CareerOne and Australian Job Search). This includes around 62,900 vacancies for lower skilled occupations. Job advertisements are up by 3.4 per cent over the year to September 2015.

A table showing numbers of lower skilled vacancies recorded by region (three month average of original data) can be found at [Attachment A](#).

Attachment A

Lower skilled vacancies by region, average of newly lodged counts in July, August and September 2015

		Lower skilled vacancies (No)
NSW	Bathurst & Central West NSW	64
	Blue Mountains	283
	Dubbo & Western NSW	230
	Gosford & Central Coast	517
	Illawarra & South Coast	579
	NSW North Coast	795
	Newcastle & Hunter	1,165
	Riverina & Murray	332
	Southern Highlands & Snowy	176
	Sydney	20,350
	Tamworth and North West NSW	308
VIC	Ballarat & Central Highlands	236
	Bendigo & High Country	533
	Geelong & Surf Coast	536
	Gippsland	418
	Melbourne	14,968
	Wimmera & Western	196
QLD	Brisbane	7,782
	Central Queensland	836
	Far North Queensland	1,555
	Gold Coast	1,773
	Outback Queensland	75
	Sunshine Coast	717
	Toowoomba and South West QLD	474
SA	Adelaide	2,600
	Fleurieu Peninsula & Murray Mallee	170
	Port Augusta & Eyre Peninsula	76
	Yorke Peninsula & Clare Valley	44
WA	Goldfields & Southern WA	360
	Perth	5,310
	Pilbara & Kimberley	471
	South West WA	307
TAS	Hobart & Southeast Tasmania	427
	Launceston and Northeast Tasmania	145
	North West Tasmania	100
NT	Darwin	703
	Regional Northern Territory	156
ACT	Canberra & ACT	1,435

Source: Department of Employment, Vacancy Report, September 2015, three month average of original data. Lower skilled vacancies refers to those advertised for occupations commensurate with the attainment of a Certificate I, II or III, or secondary education, derived using the Australian Bureau of Statistics skill level classification. More information on the Vacancy Report can be found at: <http://lmip.gov.au/default.aspx?LMIP/VacancyReport>