Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 1 - Employment

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Senator O'Neill asked on 22 October 2015 on proof Hansard page 24

Question

Work for the Dole regional breakdown

Senator O'NEILL: .... How many jobseekers are currently in Work for the Dole?
Mr Hehir: I think it is in the order of about 29,000 currently, but I will check my figures.
Senator O'NEILL: Can you provide a breakdown by region and age?
Mr Hehir: At 30 September there were 28,414 point in time. Of course, there are more people who have commenced than that because people sometimes get jobs after they have commenced or commence in a couple of different roles. There has been over—
Senator O'NEILL: What was the date?
Mr Hehir: 30 September. I do not have the regional breakdown with me in the detail. There are 51 regions so I do not have that with me here, but I am happy to take that on notice.

Answer

Table 1 below provides a breakdown of the 28,414 job seekers commenced in Work for the Dole on 30 September 2015.

Table 1: Job seekers commenced in Work for the Dole on 30 September 2015 by Employment Region and age group

Employment Region	Age Less than 22	Age 22-24	Age 25-29	Age 30-49	Age 50+	All job seekers
Adelaide North	158	214	240	577	119	**1,308**
Adelaide South	76	110	104	298	111	**699**
Ballarat	28	35	30	74	24	**191**
Barwon	64	76	80	220	92	**532**
Bendigo	35	39	48	102	36	**260**
Brisbane South East	244	245	209	673	257	**1,628**
Broome	0	2	4	32	5	**43**
Cairns	82	115	154	478	189	**1,018**
Capital Region	21	24	36	115	38	**234**
Central West	22	28	23	85	28	**186**
Darling Downs	70	40	41	104	40	**295**
Darwin (includes Alice Springs)	7	12	19	58	15	**111**
Esperance	5	3	7	15	5	**35**
Far West Orana (includes Broken Hill)	23	25	40	151	56	**295**
Fitzroy	35	41	40	124	29	**269**
Geraldton	9	12	12	45	4	**82**
Gippsland	30	35	39	114	34	**252**
Gold Coast	68	80	68	222	60	**498**

Employment Region	Age Less than 22	Age 22-24	Age 25-29	Age 30-49	Age 50+	All job seekers
Goulburn/Murray	57	51	46	155	40	**349**
Great Southern - Wheatbelt	13	12	10	32	10	**77**
Hobart and Southern Tasmania	36	46	53	81	19	**235**
Hunter	190	178	200	499	161	**1,228**
Illawarra South Coast	120	116	117	321	130	**804**
Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	28	69	95	347	163	**702**
Kalgoorlie	7	10	12	30	8	**67**
Mackay	26	28	28	114	47	**243**
Mid North Coast	78	78	90	259	118	**623**
Mid North SA	23	23	24	61	14	**145**
Murray Riverina	12	3	5	47	14	**81**
Murray and South East	15	37	23	115	34	**224**
New England and North West	66	62	87	249	83	**547**
North Coast	55	73	67	281	113	**589**
North Eastern Melbourne	91	141	145	376	197	**950**
North West Country SA	35	64	69	189	52	**409**
North Western Melbourne	47	66	67	244	116	**540**
North and North Western Tasmania	148	114	102	365	111	**840**
Perth - North	46	55	62	219	63	**445**
Perth - South	68	76	100	241	68	**553**
Somerset	220	198	221	641	257	**1,537**
South Coast of Victoria	23	24	30	79	37	**193**
South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	112	147	136	420	183	**998**
South West WA	27	10	13	70	25	**145**
Sydney East Metro	21	70	103	449	292	**935**
Sydney Greater West	86	114	112	393	182	**887**
Sydney North and West	69	85	90	288	145	**677**
Sydney South West	85	85	128	374	247	**919**
Townsville (includes Mt Isa)	95	114	100	386	99	**794**
Western Melbourne	129	201	191	739	324	**1,584**
Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	219	161	156	495	261	**1,292**
Wimmera Mallee	37	41	35	63	30	**206**
Wivenhoe	99	105	119	246	91	**660**
Total	**3,360**	**3,793**	**4,030**	**12,355**	**4,876**	**28,414**

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