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Question

Work for the Dole - Coordinator targets

The estimate are set based on a caseload for that region. We know, looking at the flow of people into and out of unemployment and in the proportions that they are in those streams, how many people, assuming no dramatic change to the caseload, will become eligible and required to participate in the Work for the Dole phase over the course of the year. The targets that we give the coordinators—the coordinators are the ones who have the responsibility of sourcing activities for Work for the Dole people to undertake—are based on how many people we know are going to come through the Work for the Dole phase of their unemployment history.

Senator O'NEILL: Can you provide on notice as much detail as possible about what is going on in those regions in terms of estimates and not targets?

Ms Leon: You want the targets that the Work for the Dole coordinators have?

Senator O'NEILL: Yes.

Ms Leon: And the estimates of how many jobseekers will need to be placed in the year? Is that what you are after?

Senator O'NEILL: Yes. How many you estimate you expect in each region. So as much detail as you can give me about the regions.

Answer

The number of places to be sourced for each Employment Region in the period 1 July to 31 December 2015 is based on the number of job seekers who are expected to need to be placed in Work for the Dole over that period. Therefore the estimated number of job seekers who are expected to need a place is the same as the number of places by Employment Region. Please refer to the number of places to be sourced by Employment Region (EMSQ15-000270).