

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000279

Senator O'Neill asked on 22 October 2015 on proof Hansard page 26

Question

Work for the Dole - Group and individual placements

Senator O'NEILL: How many of the commencements to date in the Work for the Dole program are group placements and how many are individual placements?

Mr Hehir: Off the top of my head, it is about 55 per cent that are group and about 45 per cent are individual.

Senator O'NEILL: Does this alter much from region to region? Again, Mr Parsons, you might be able to get that for us on notice.

Mr Parsons: Yes, I will take that on notice.

Answer

Table 1 below sets out the breakdown between group and individually hosted Work for the Dole commencements by Employment Region and nationally.

Table 1: Group based and individual commencements from 1 July 2015 to 30 September 2015 by Employment Region

Employment Region	Total commencements in group based activities	Total commencements in individual hosted activities	Proportion of commencements in group based activities	Proportion of commencements in individual hosted activities
Adelaide North	1,347	510	72.5%	27.5%
Adelaide South	783	235	76.9%	23.1%
Ballarat	155	80	66.0%	34.0%
Barwon	544	315	63.3%	36.7%
Bendigo	240	120	66.7%	33.3%
Brisbane South East	1,542	641	70.6%	29.4%
Broome	54	0	100.0%	0.0%
Cairns	1,721	311	84.7%	15.3%
Capital Region	119	179	39.9%	60.1%
Central West	112	107	51.1%	48.9%
Darling Downs	198	209	48.6%	51.4%
Darwin (includes Alice Springs)	129	50	72.1%	27.9%
Esperance	50	3	94.3%	5.7%

Far West Orana (includes Broken Hill)	226	98	69.8%	30.2%
Fitzroy	268	123	68.5%	31.5%
Geraldton	99	9	91.7%	8.3%
Gippsland	104	189	35.5%	64.5%
Gold Coast	389	352	52.5%	47.5%
Goulburn/ Murray	337	159	67.9%	32.1%
Great Southern - Wheatbelt	38	51	42.7%	57.3%
Hobart and Southern Tasmania	212	84	71.6%	28.4%
Hunter	535	1,118	32.4%	67.6%
Illawarra South Coast	425	727	36.9%	63.1%
Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	499	440	53.1%	46.9%
Kalgoorlie	91	9	91.0%	9.0%
Mackay	271	66	80.4%	19.6%
Mid North Coast	388	496	43.9%	56.1%
Mid North SA	94	70	57.3%	42.7%
Murray Riverina	71	30	70.3%	29.7%
Murray and South East	227	79	74.2%	25.8%
New England and North West	547	191	74.1%	25.9%
North Coast	292	544	34.9%	65.1%
North Eastern Melbourne	705	678	51.0%	49.0%
North West Country SA	476	73	86.7%	13.3%
North Western Melbourne	277	414	40.1%	59.9%
North and North Western Tasmania	643	426	60.1%	39.9%
Perth - North	420	355	54.2%	45.8%
Perth - South	448	326	57.9%	42.1%
Somerset	1,299	814	61.5%	38.5%
South Coast of Victoria	161	87	64.9%	35.1%
South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	974	459	68.0%	32.0%
South West WA	76	124	38.0%	62.0%
Sydney East Metro	881	366	70.6%	29.4%
Sydney Greater West	612	564	52.0%	48.0%

Sydney North and West	392	528	42.6%	57.4%
Sydney South West	724	440	62.2%	37.8%
Townsville (includes Mt Isa)	1,303	226	85.2%	14.8%
Western Melbourne	749	1,313	36.3%	63.7%
Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	723	1,023	41.4%	58.6%
Wimmera Mallee	191	75	71.8%	28.2%
Wivenhoe	420	509	45.2%	54.8%
Total	23,581	16,395	59.0%	41.0%

The figures in Table 1 differ to the evidence provided by Mr Hehir on page 26 of proof Hansard because this question asks for commencements while Mr Hehir quoted percentages for places.