

# Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

### Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000377

Senator Lines provided in writing.

#### Question

##### Long term unemployed

1. Can you please provide me with the number of job seekers eligible to receive this subsidy?
  - a. What is the breakdown by age;
  - b. What is the breakdown by state;
  - c. How long were they previously unemployed for?
2. Is this subsidy on track to meet its annual target of placements?

#### Answer

##### 1. Can you please provide me with the number of job seekers eligible to receive this subsidy?

As at 30 September 2015, there were over 245,800 job seekers identified as eligible for a Long Term Unemployed and Indigenous Wage Subsidy on the jobactive caseload.

##### 1a. What is the breakdown by age;

Long Term Unemployed and Indigenous Wage Subsidy eligible job seekers by age group:

Age Group	Total Places
<22	34,934
22-29	69,576
30-44	105,471
45-49	34,864
50-54	597
55-59	254
60-64	147
Total	245,843

**1b. What is the breakdown by state;**

Long Term Unemployed and Indigenous Wage Subsidy eligible job seekers by state:

State	Total
New South Wales	73,929
Victoria	53,942
Queensland	58,279
South Australia	24,023
Western Australia	22,588
Tasmania	8,941
Northern Territory	1,735
Australian Capital Territory	2,406
Total	245,843

**1c. How long were they previously unemployed for?**

Long Term Unemployed and Indigenous Wage Subsidy eligible job seekers by Unemployment Duration:

Unemployment Duration (Months)					Total
0-11	11-23	24-35	36-59	60+	
9,832	68,063	55,477	57,928	54,543	245,843

**2. Is this subsidy on track to meet its annual target of placements?**

The Long Term Unemployed and Indigenous Wage Subsidy is a demand driven programme and there is no annual target for Long Term Unemployed and Indigenous Wage Subsidy places.