

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000465

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Relates to previous Department of Employment Question No. EW0147_14 (*Department reference SQ13-000524*)

Question

Exemptions from job seeker participation requirements

Please update Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, Questions on Notice, Budget Estimates, 2013-2014, DEEWR Question No. EW0147_14.

Answer

The following table provides a breakdown, by geographical area, of income support recipients who have an exemption from mutual obligation requirements as at 25 September 2015.

Geographic Area	Number of job seekers with an exemption
Major Cities of Australia	57,540
Regional Australia	30,876
Remote Australia	2,037
Not Assigned to a Geographic Area	210
Total	90,663

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data (DSS Blue Book dataset)

Geographic Area distribution is based on recipient postcode.