

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000834

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Relates to previous Employment Question No EMSQ16-000186

Question

Eight week suspensions

Please provide the total number of 8 week suspensions applied for 15-16 & year to date by region.

Answer

The following tables give a breakdown of 'eight week non-payment' penalties by Department of Human Services (DHS) Zone and State and Territory for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016.

Data for the first quarter of 2016–17 is not yet available.

DHS Zone	Eight Week Non-Payment Penalties
Central New South Wales	1,401
Central Queensland	1,329
Eastern Victoria	1,056
North New South Wales	1,197
Northern Australia	13,059
Northern Queensland	7,093
Northern Victoria	1,110
South Australia	1,853
South Queensland	1,616
Southern New South Wales	668
Sydney	1,338
Tasmania	441
West Victoria	1,119
Western Australia	2,944

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data (DSS Extract).

State/Territory	Eight Week Non-Payment Penalties
ACT	107
NSW	4,645
NT	10,983
QLD	9,885
SA	2,620
TAS	441
VIC	3,206
WA	4,337

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data (DSS Extract).