

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

#### **Outcome 1 - Employment**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000890**

**Senator Cameron asked on 19 October 2016 on proof Hansard page 67**

#### **Question**

#### **Increasing and Decreasing Unemployment in New South Wales Regions**

Senator CAMERON: Can you say, basically, that in regional Australia there are no big declines in unemployment, and in fact unemployment could be increasing in some areas?

Mr Neville: Unemployment will be increasing in some areas and decreasing in other areas.

Senator CAMERON: Could you, on notice, provide details of where it is increasing and decreasing in regional New South Wales.

Mr Neville: Yes, I can provide you with the ABS information for each region in New South Wales.

Senator CAMERON: And there would be a baseline comparator on that, would there?

Mr Neville: We can go back quite a long way.

Senator CAMERON: What would be a reasonable way to go back?

Mr Neville: We tend to look at a five- or 10-year period.

Senator CAMERON: How about you do five years, and see how we go? Thanks for coming back, Mr Neville.

## Answer

*Table 1: Change in level of unemployment and unemployment rate, New South Wales Statistical Area Level 4s (SA4s), September 2011 to September 2016*

New South Wales Statistical Area Level 4s	Total unemployed ('000)		Change over the period		Unemployment rate (%)		Change over the period (% pts)
	Sep-11	Sep-16	('000)	(%)	Sep-11	Sep-16	
<b>Greater Sydney</b>	<b>119.7</b>	<b>130.0</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Central Coast	8.5	10.8	2.3	27.4	6.0	5.9	-0.1
Sydney - Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury	3.9	6.4	2.4	61.7	3.2	4.9	1.7
Sydney - Blacktown	9.5	10.8	1.3	13.5	5.8	6.1	0.3
Sydney - City and Inner South	6.8	9.0	2.2	32.9	3.8	4.5	0.7
Sydney - Eastern Suburbs	5.7	5.0	-0.7	-12.3	3.6	3.0	-0.5
Sydney - Inner South West	18.3	16.4	-1.9	-10.6	6.6	5.6	-1.0
Sydney - Inner West	7.7	7.8	0.0	0.5	4.7	4.1	-0.6
Sydney - North Sydney and Hornsby	7.2	9.2	2.0	27.7	3.2	3.8	0.6
Sydney - Northern Beaches	4.9	4.4	-0.4	-9.2	3.4	2.9	-0.5
Sydney - Outer South West	5.7	6.3	0.6	11.4	4.4	4.8	0.4
Sydney - Outer West and Blue Mountains	9.6	6.1	-3.5	-36.1	5.9	3.8	-2.1
Sydney - Parramatta	11.9	13.5	1.6	13.2	5.9	5.9	0.0
Sydney - Ryde	4.2	6.3	2.1	49.7	4.6	6.2	1.7
Sydney - South West	11.9	13.1	1.2	9.9	7.2	6.9	-0.3
Sydney - Sutherland	3.8	4.9	1.1	28.6	3.2	3.8	0.6
<b>Rest of NSW</b>	<b>68.8</b>	<b>78.3</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Capital Region	3.0	4.2	1.2	41.0	2.6	3.7	1.1
Central West	5.0	5.4	0.4	7.6	4.9	4.9	0.0
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	3.5	3.4	-0.1	-2.2	5.4	5.0	-0.4
Far West and Orana	3.0	3.4	0.5	16.2	5.4	6.0	0.6
Hunter Valley exc Newcastle	4.8	7.6	2.9	60.2	3.8	5.6	1.9
Illawarra	8.8	10.2	1.4	15.6	6.7	6.5	-0.2
Mid North Coast	5.2	6.2	1.0	18.8	7.2	6.6	-0.6
Murray	2.8	3.2	0.4	14.1	5.3	6.9	1.6
New England and North West	7.4	7.3	-0.1	-1.6	8.2	8.0	-0.2
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	8.6	12.4	3.8	44.1	4.8	6.3	1.5
Richmond - Tweed	7.3	7.4	0.1	1.8	6.1	6.4	0.3
Riverina	5.3	3.1	-2.2	-40.8	6.7	3.7	-2.9
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	4.3	4.5	0.2	5.5	6.3	6.8	0.5

Source: ABS, Labour Force, Detailed - Electronic Delivery, September 2016 (Cat. No. 6291.0.55.001) data are 12-month averages of original estimates.