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Senator: Lundy

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Question:

Senator LUNDY: Do you have any information on the regional impact of job losses so far?

Mr Sedgwick: No.

Senator LUNDY: On the geographic location of job losses?

Mr Sedgwick: Not to hand, no.

Senator LUNDY: Are you able to get it?

Mr Sedgwick: We have done regional disaggregations. They are very ropey.

Dr Schmidtchen: We have in the past reported at the level of metropolitan and state. Our data does not allow us to go with any confidence, or a great deal of confidence, below that level. It is a technical issue to do with postcodes and the relationship around how we collect the data. I am sure we could do the aggregation at that level, if that meets your need.

Senator LUNDY: It would go some way towards it. Are you able to provide that information this evening?

Dr Schmidtchen: No, I am not; I do not have that with me.

Mr Sedgwick: It would have to be a special piece of work.

Senator LUNDY: If you would take it on notice to provide the information on the job losses to date using your metro and state data analysis, that would be helpful.

Answer:

The following table, 'Retrenchments of ongoing APS employees, September 2013 to April 2014', shows APS employee retrenchments separated by metropolitan areas and the remainder of the state.

This information is sourced from the Australian Public Service Employment Database (APSED). The APSED specifications require APS agencies to provide the Commission with the postcode of the employee's workplace. The data is of sufficient quality to be reported at the level of regions (state, territory, capital cities and regional areas) but is less reliable at geographic levels below this.

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Total retrenchments of ongoing APS employees, September 2013 to April 2014

<i>Region</i>	<i>Total</i>
Canberra	1120
Sydney	216
Regional NSW	49
Melbourne	190
Regional VIC	34
Brisbane	99
Regional QLD	31
Adelaide	58
Regional SA	6
Perth	49
Regional WA	14
Hobart	35
Regional TAS	1
Darwin	17
Regional NT	4
Overseas	1
Total	1924

Source: APSED

Note 1: January to April data is based on 'live' APSED data and is unaudited and subject to revision.

Note 2: Regions are based on ABS Statistical Area 4 (2011) mapping of postcodes.

Note 3: Region data is based on postcode data held on APS agency payroll systems.