

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10**

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Senator Cash provided this question in writing.

Question

Local Government Area Unemployment Data

Does DEEWR collect unemployment data specifically for Local Government Areas? If so, has this always been the case?

Is the unemployment data publicly available for Local Government Areas?

Answer

DEEWR does not specifically collect unemployment data for Local Government Areas (LGAs), but does publish quarterly unemployment estimates at the Statistical Local Area (SLA) level in its Small Area Labour Markets (SALM) publication.

SLAs are the smallest available geographical units in the Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) standard geographical structure and consist of LGAs, parts thereof, or any unincorporated area. In many cases, SLAs are named after their corresponding LGA and can also be aggregated up to compile unemployment rate estimates at the LGA level.