

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 4 - Employment**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0685\_12

**Senator Siewert provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Relocation scheme for job seekers**

a. How many job seekers have been assessed for the relocation scheme that started on 1 January 2011? b. How many job seekers have been assessed for relocation? c. How many job seekers have been approved for relocation to date? d. To date, how much has been spent on this program? e. What is the profile of those accessing the scheme (ie. single, families)? f. What occupations will the relocated job seekers be working in? g. Where are jobseekers locating from/to?

**Answer**

(a ,b)The Department collects data on those job seekers who relocate under the Connecting People with Jobs initiative. The Department does not capture data on job seekers who consider Connecting People with Jobs but decline to relocate.

(c) As at 30 November 2011, a total of 251 job seekers have relocated, and (d) a total of \$523,290 spent, under the Connecting People with Jobs initiative.

(e)The following cohort information is provided:

**Sex**

Male	193 (77%)
Female	58 (23%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>251 (100%)</b>

**Age**

Age range	18 to 64 years
Average age	36.6 years

**Connecting People with Jobs – relocated with or without dependents**

With dependents	46 (18%)
Without dependents	205 (82%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>251 (100%)</b>

**(f) Job type**

General Labouring	30	12%
Meat and fish processing	31	12%
Construction & Related Trades	30	12%
Agriculture and farming	22	9%
Mining/heavy machinery	17	7%
Health and community services	16	6%
Hospitality	16	6%
Cleaning	13	5%
Retail and sales	12	5%
Mechanical/auto	10	4%
Administration	9	4%
Process worker/factor hand	8	3%
Metalwork	7	3%
Warehousing/logistics	5	2%
Boating	6	2%
Education	4	2%
IT	5	2%
Traffic control	3	1%
Finance	1	>1%
Fitness	2	>1%
Hairdressing	1	>1%
Law	1	>1%
Security	1	>1%
Laboratory assistant	1	>1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>100%*</b>

\* percentages rounded to nearest whole number

**(g) Total eligible job seekers by destination state**  
(that is, state where the job is)

ACT/NSW	66	26%
QLD	116	46%
VIC	23	9%
NT	17	7%
TAS	1	>1%
WA	22	9%
SA	6	2%
<b>Total*</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* percentages rounded to nearest whole number

**Total eligible job seeker by source state**  
(that is, state where the job seeker lived)

NB: Job seekers may just have moved within their home state

ACT/NSW	121	48%
QLD	86	34%
VIC	31	12%
NT	0	0%
TAS	7	3%
WA	0	0%
SA	6	2%
<b>Total*</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* percentages rounded to nearest whole number