

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000183

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Relates to previous Employment Question No EMSQ15-000465

Question

Update to EMSQ15-000465 - Exemptions from participation requirements

Please provide updates to the following QoNs from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015-16 using the latest available data/period: EMSQ15-000465.

Answer

The following table provides a breakdown, by geographic area, of income support recipients who had an exemption from mutual obligation requirements as at end December 2015.

Geographic Area*	Number of Job Seekers with exemption
Major Cities of Australia	62,006
Regional Australia	33,568
Remote Australia	2481
Not Assigned to a Geographic Area	298
Total	98,353

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data.

* Geographic Area distribution is based on recipient postcode.