

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Senator Marshall provided in writing

Question

Employment service providers roundtables

How many roundtables have been held with employment service providers?

What issues are being raised at those meetings?

What actions is the Department taking to address the issues raised?

Can you provide us with a list of locations, attendees or all roundtables held in 2016 and to date this year?

Answer

The Department has hosted 11 jobactive forums held with jobactive CEO's since the start of 2016. All jobactive provider CEOs are invited to these meetings. CEOs attend or send a representative to these meetings. Other invitees to these meetings include representatives from peak bodies – Jobs Australia and the National Employment Services Association.

At these forums a range of issues are raised and discussed in relation to the services provided under the jobactive Deed. Matters put on the agenda by the Department include: overview of labour markets in each state, Employment Fund, Wage Subsidies, Youth PaTH initiatives (internships, employability skills training, employer mobilization roles and responsibilities), IT update, Work for the Dole, and Seasonal Work Incentives for Job Seekers Trial. Questions and responses provided at these forums are published on the Department's secure Provider Portal.

Date	State or National Forum	Location	Attendees
24 February 2016	State Forum for VIC and TAS jobactive providers	Melbourne State Office	26
26 February 2016	State Forum for WA and SA jobactive providers	Western Australia State Office	16
1 March 2016	State Forum for NSW and QLD jobactive providers	The Holiday Inn Sydney Airport	28
5 May 2016	National jobactive Forum for jobactive providers from all States	Parkroyal Melbourne Airport Hotel	115
9 September 2016	State Forum for NSW and QLD jobactive providers	Queensland State Office	23
21 September 2016	State Forum for VIC and TAS jobactive providers	Melbourne State Office	21
23 September 2016	State Forum for SA and WA jobactive providers	South Australia State Office	15
2 December 2016	National jobactive Forum for jobactive providers from all	Parkroyal Melbourne Airport Hotel	126

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	States		
10 March 2017	State Forum for SA and WA jobactive providers	Western Australia State Office	18
17 March 2017	State Forum for NSW and QLD jobactive providers	Sydney State Office	31
24 March 2017	State Forum for VIC and TAS jobactive providers	Melbourne State Office	33

Tasmania State Office

In 2016 – 2017, the Tasmanian State Office held seven jobactive provider (plus other employment services providers) forums.

Meeting Details

Date	Location	Attendees
20 April 2016	Campbell Town	40
17 August 2016	Hobart	47
24 August 2016	Launceston	52
28 November 2016	Hobart	17
29 November 2016	Launceston	21
30 November 2016	Burnie	12
30 March 2017	Launceston	78

South Australia State Office

The South Australian State Office hosted one CEO forum for local jobactive providers' which was held on the 14 April 2016.

Western Australia State Office

The WA State Office has held three forums with their local jobactive providers.

Meeting Details

Date	Location	Attendees
19 April 2016	Western Australia State Office	9
17 August 2016	Western Australia State Office	7
22 February 2017	Western Australia State Office	8

Victoria State Office

The Victoria State Office held one round table meeting with Regional Victorian jobactive providers (and Work for the Dole Coordinators)

Meeting Details

Date	Location	Attendees
11 March 2016	Victorian Country Regional Office Bendigo VIC	7

Northern Territory State Office

The NT State Office holds quarterly round table meetings with jobactive providers (and Work for the Dole Coordinators).

Meeting Details

Date	Location	Attendees
23 September 2016	NT State Office	12-15
2 December 2016	NT State Office	12-15
6 April 2017	NT State Office	12-15