

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome 1 - Employment

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Senator Marshall provided in writing.

Question

PaTH - Location of training panels

Why are the training panels only covering 30% of Australia?
Labour force statistics shows QLD outback has youth unemployment of 34% and far west and Orana in NSW has 21% youth unemployment. But they aren't covered by this program. Why isn't the PaTH training being offered in places with very high unemployment?

Answer

As per arrangements for jobactive, Employability Skills Training (EST) is being delivered in all 51 Employment Regions across Australia. These Employment Regions cover the majority of Australian's population.

As Far West Orana is a recognised Employment Region it is covered by EST. A list of EST Providers operating in each of the 51 Employment Regions can be found on the Department of Employment's website at www.employment.gov.au.

Areas classified as remote are not covered by EST as they are not included in the 51 Employment Regions. Remote localities are serviced by the Community and Development Program (CDP) administered by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. The CDP is a remote employment and community development service which helps people to find work, and allows them to contribute to their community and gain skills while looking for work. Elements of this service and related course work are similar to EST.