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Senator Cash asked on 4 June 2013, Hansard page 56

Question

Exemption from job seeker participation requirements by location

Senator CASH: Are you able to provide notice a breakdown of the exemptions by approximate location? Is that something that you collate?

Ms Drayton: I have not to date, but I will certainly see what we can do with that one. I will take it on notice.

Ms Paul: Do mean kind of regional—

Senator CASH: Exactly, yes—

Ms Paul: So not the normal kind of metro-regional figures—

Senator CASH: Yes.

Answer

The following table provides a breakdown, by geographic area, of income support recipients that have an exemption from the activity test or participation requirements as at 29 March 2013. There were 799 510 activity tested income support recipients as at 29 March 2013.

Geographic Area*	Number of Job Seekers with exemption
Major Cities of Australia	49,295
Regional Australia	23,340
Remote Australia	1,578
Not Assigned to a Geographic Area	85
Total	74,298

Source: DHS Administrative Data as at 29 March 2013

**Geographic Area distribution is based on the recipient postcode as at 29/03/2013 using the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Postcode 2011 to Remoteness Area 2011 correspondence.*