

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy

Department of Employment Question No. EM0585_15

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Question

Unpaid entitlements

"Since 2007 how many dollars in unpaid entitlements has been paid to how many employees around Australia; a) In total, b) by State, and: c) by electorate?"

Answer

Over the period 1 January 2007 to 31 May 2014, 95 028 employees were paid \$1.125 billion in assistance for unpaid employment entitlements through the Fair Entitlements Guarantee (FEG) and General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme (GEERS) programmes.

A breakdown of entitlements paid by state is in the table below.

State	Employees	Amount
NSW	30520	\$384,408,314
VIC	27203	\$346,545,760
QLD	21473	\$221,799,969
SA	6793	\$70,359,938
WA	5724	\$64,295,773
TAS	1789	\$22,743,657
ACT	984	\$9,947,590
NT	427	\$3,364,957
Not Recorded	115	\$1,219,205
Grand Total	95028	\$1,124,685,163

The department does not collect or record payments by electorate in administering the programmes.