

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah asked on 31 May 2017, Proof Hansard page 46

ABS 2016 Survey of Education and Work

Question

Dr Bruniges: Senator, while they are discussing that I might also point out that the ABS's 2016 publication Education and work, Australia showed that people with a bachelor level or higher qualification had an unemployment rate of 3.2 per cent in comparison to an overall unemployment rate of 5.6, suggesting—

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Is that nationwide?

Dr Bruniges: Yes. That was the ABS 2016 Survey of Education and Work.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Do you have that broken down into rural and regional versus city?

Dr Bruniges: I do not have it with me, and I am not even sure that the ABS does break it down into regional and city, but I am happy to take it on notice for you and see what their publication does have.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: If you could. I would appreciate that.

Answer

In May 2016, ABS Education and Work 6227.0 shows the unemployment rate for persons with a bachelor degree and above was 2.9 per cent in regional and remote areas compared to 3.3 per cent in major cities.