

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EM1649_15

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Refers to previous Department of Employment Question No EW0147_14 which requested a breakdown of exemptions from mutual obligation requirements by approximate location.

Question

Activity Test Exemptions

Please update Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, Questions on Notice, Budget Estimates, 2013-2014, DEEWR Question No. EW0147_14.

Answer

The following table provides a breakdown, by geographic area, of income support recipients that have an exemption from mutual obligation requirements as at 29 August 2014. There were 846,299 activity tested income support recipients as at 29 August 2014.

Geographic Area*	Number of Job Seekers with exemption
Major Cities of Australia	50,814
Regional Australia	25,795
Remote Australia	1680
Not Assigned to a Geographic Area	35
Total	78,324

Source: DHS Administrative Data as at 29 August 2014

** Geographic Area distribution is based on the recipient geocoded address using the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Area 2011.*