

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome 1 - Employment**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM1674\_15**

**Senator Lines asked on 14 November 2014 on proof Hansard page 19**

**Question**

**Expected number of Work for the Dole participants**

Senator LINES:

a) How many participants is the government expecting to be required to complete mandatory Work for the Dole when the extended program is fully rolled out?

Mr Jalayer: We have projected 150,000 places in the first year.

Senator LINES: That is in your tender estimate, I think.

Mr Jalayer: That is correct. Senator LINES: You are still sticking to that?

Mr Jalayer: Yes.

Senator LINES:

b) What is the expected breakdown by the new streams?

Mr Jalayer: We can take that on notice.

Senator LINES:

c) The expected breakdown state by state?

Mr Jalayer: Again, we will take that on notice.

Senator LINES:

d) And the breakdown by age?

Mr Jalayer: Yes, we will take that on notice.

Senator LINES:

How many participants are you expecting on the first day of the commencement of the program next year on 1 July?

Mr Parsons: I have the figures for places, I think—14,000 places in the first month rings a bell. Please bear with me, I will try to find that. For the month of July 2015, 14,000 places required. These are estimates only and, of course, places are different to participants.

Senator LINES: Yes. You do not have a participants' figure; you have a places' figure?

Mr Parsons: Yes.

Senator LINES:

e) Again, how many participants do you expect will have a Work for the Dole obligation on 1 July 2016?

Mr Jalayer: We will take that on notice.

## Answer

- a) The projected annual average number of Work for the Dole Places for the first three years is estimated, as at December 2014, to be approximately 144,000.
- b) The projected distribution of Work for the Dole Places by Job Seeker's Stream in the Employment Services 2015 model is shown below.

<b>Work for the Dole Places by Stream</b>			
	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
Stream A	104,251	110,580	110,237
Stream B	15,811	28,087	27,140
Stream C	6,699	16,282	12,640
<b>Total</b>	<b>126,762</b>	<b>154,949</b>	<b>150,017</b>

- c) The projected distribution of Work for the Dole Places by State is shown below.

<b>Work for the Dole Places by State</b>			
	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
New South Wales/ACT	40,001	48,896	47,340
Victoria	31,456	38,451	37,227
Queensland	28,481	34,814	33,706
Western Australia	10,866	13,282	12,860
South Australia	11,289	13,799	13,360
Tasmanian	3,959	4,840	4,686
Northern Territory	709	867	839
<b>Total</b>	<b>126,762</b>	<b>154,949</b>	<b>150,017</b>

- d) The projected distribution of Work for the Dole Places by age of Job Seeker is shown below.

<b>Work for the Dole Places by Job Seeker Age</b>			
	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
18-29 Years	47,304	57,823	55,982
30-49 Years	57,175	69,889	67,664
50-59 Years	22,282	27,237	26,370
<b>Total</b>	<b>126,762</b>	<b>154,949</b>	<b>150,017</b>

- e) The number of Work for the Dole places currently forecast to be required on 1 July 2016 is approximately 18,000.

The above figures are based on current unemployment projections and expected job seeker flow into Work for the Dole. The number of job seekers and the availability, distribution and take-up of Work for the Dole places may change over time.