

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 1 - Employment

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Question

Work for the Dole data

1. How many job seekers are currently in Work for the Dole?
2. What is the break down by region?
3. What is the breakdown by age?
4. What is the break down by length of time unemployed?

Answer

1. There were 28,414 job seekers commenced in Work for the Dole on 30 September 2015.
2. Table 1 below provides the breakdown by Employment Region.
3. Table 2 below provides the breakdown by age group.
4. Table 3 below provides the length of time unemployed.

Table 1: Job seekers commenced in Work for the Dole on 30 September 2015 by Employment Region

Employment Region	Job seekers
Adelaide North	1,308
Adelaide South	699
Ballarat	191
Barwon	532
Bendigo	260
Brisbane South East	1,628
Broome	43
Cairns	1,018
Capital Region	234
Central West	186
Darling Downs	295
Darwin (includes Alice Springs)	111
Esperance	35
Far West Orana (includes Broken Hill)	295
Fitzroy	269
Geraldton	82
Gippsland	252
Gold Coast	498
Goulburn/Murray	349

Employment Region	Job seekers
Great Southern - Wheatbelt	77
Hobart and Southern Tasmania	235
Hunter	1,228
Illawarra South Coast	804
Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	702
Kalgoorlie	67
Mackay	243
Mid North Coast	623
Mid North SA	145
Murray Riverina	81
Murray and South East	224
New England and North West	547
North Coast	589
North Eastern Melbourne	950
North West Country SA	409
North Western Melbourne	540
North and North Western Tasmania	840
Perth - North	445
Perth - South	553
Somerset	1,537
South Coast of Victoria	193
South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	998
South West WA	145
Sydney East Metro	935
Sydney Greater West	887
Sydney North and West	677
Sydney South West	919
Townsville (includes Mt Isa)	794
Western Melbourne	1,584
Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	1,292
Wimmera Mallee	206
Wivenhoe	660
Total	28,414

Table 2: Job seekers commenced in Work for the Dole on 30 September 2015 by age group

Age Group	Job seekers
Age less than 22	3,360
Age 22 - 24	3,793
Age 25 -29	4,030
Age 30 - 49	12,355
Age 50+	4,876
Total	28,414

Table 3: Job seekers commenced in Work for the Dole on 30 September 2015 by length of time* unemployed

Length of time unemployed	Job seekers
Less than 12 Months	3,116
12 to 24 Months	7,248
24 Months or Over	18,050
Total	28,414

*Length of time unemployed refers to the time job seekers have been registered with the Department of Human Services as looking for work.