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TOPIC: Food manufacturing businesses

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QUESTION No. A1-26

Senator BUSHBY: There are just a couple of questions I have here. Is the federal government—and this may be a question for Senator Lundy—making any contribution to the Kraft Foods Asia Pacific Centre of Excellence Development in Melbourne that was announced last Friday? If so, what is the extent of that contribution?

Senator Lundy: I will ask Mr Lawson to answer that.

Mr Lawson: The simple answer is no, there is no federal government contribution to that particular centre.

Senator BUSHBY: Is that something that government considered? Was there a request for participation financially?

Mr Lawson: No, there was not a request from Kraft or anybody else for support. But, I have to say, the CEO of Kraft was the head of the Food Industry Strategy Group. We did know about what was happening, but that is a matter between Kraft and the Victorian government.

Senator BUSHBY: In relation to food manufacturing businesses, the department shows figures on its data card for the current distribution of those businesses across Australia by state. But, within each of Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland specifically, do you have any information that would indicate in which areas the highest concentrations of them are?

Mr Lawson: We would have to take that on notice. I think we have done some work on that, but I am not sure.

ANSWER

Data on the number of manufacturing businesses is not available at regional level, but employment data is available. The ABS Census of Population and Housing 2011 provides the most recent counts of persons employed in small geographical areas and by industry sector¹. The Census data indicate that at August 2011:

- In Victoria the distribution of employment in food product manufacturing was most concentrated in the three regions of Melbourne South East (11.6 per cent); Melbourne Inner (8.9 per cent); and Melbourne West (8.3 per cent) and Shepparton (8.3 per cent)
- In New South Wales the distribution of employment in food product manufacturing was most concentrated in the three regions of Sydney – Parramatta (7.1 per cent); Sydney – Inner South West (6.3 per cent) and Riverina (5.6 per cent)

¹ ABS Census of Population and Housing (August, 2011), counts persons employed by place of work, 2-digit level industry sector, the data excludes beverage and tobacco manufacturing.

- In Queensland the distribution of employment in food product manufacturing was most concentrated in the three regions of Ipswich (11.4 per cent); Brisbane – East (9.8 per cent); and Wide Bay (6.6 per cent).

The following tables provide a full breakdown of persons employed in food product manufacturing in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland at August 2011.

Table 1. Victoria, employed persons Food product manufacturing, August 2011

Region	Employed in Food Product Manufacturing	Share of Total Employed in Food Product Manufacturing (Vic)	Food share of Total Employed in Region
Ballarat	1711	3.4%	3.3%
Bendigo	2625	5.3%	4.9%
Geelong	1170	2.3%	1.3%
Hume	2539	5.1%	4.0%
Latrobe - Gippsland	2607	5.2%	2.8%
Melbourne - Inner	4471	8.9%	0.8%
Melbourne - Inner East	852	1.7%	0.7%
Melbourne - Inner South	2641	5.3%	2.0%
Melbourne - North East	2695	5.4%	2.3%
Melbourne - North West	2789	5.6%	2.5%
Melbourne - Outer East	3104	6.2%	2.0%
Melbourne - South East	5773	11.6%	2.3%
Melbourne - West	4154	8.3%	2.5%
Mornington Peninsula	1173	2.3%	1.5%
North West	1488	3.0%	2.6%
Shepparton	4165	8.3%	8.6%
Warrnambool and South West	2381	4.8%	4.7%
POW Undefined	3644	7.3%	na

ABS Census of Population and Housing 2011, counts persons employed by place of work, 2-digit level industry sector, the data excludes beverage and tobacco manufacturing. * This category refers to persons for whom their Place of Work could not be further defined.

Table 2. New South Wales employed persons Food product manufacturing, August 2011

Region	Employed in Food Product Manufacturing	Share of Total Food Product Manufacturing (NSW)	Food share of Total Employed in Region
Capital Region	1346	2.9%	2.1%
Central Coast	2066	4.5%	2.3%
Central West	1918	4.1%	2.5%
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	615	1.3%	1.4%
Far West and Orana	731	1.6%	1.7%
Hunter Valley exc Newcastle	974	2.1%	1.1%
Illawarra	436	0.9%	0.5%
Mid North Coast	1093	2.4%	1.8%
Murray	910	2.0%	2.1%
New England and North West	1914	4.1%	2.9%
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	2136	4.6%	1.5%
Richmond - Tweed	2281	4.9%	3.0%

Riverina	2590	5.6%	4.3%
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	608	1.3%	1.4%
Sydney - Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury	686	1.5%	1.0%
Sydney - Blacktown	2344	5.1%	2.8%
Sydney - City and Inner South	2449	5.3%	0.5%
Sydney - Eastern Suburbs	303	0.7%	0.4%
Sydney - Inner South West	2932	6.3%	2.3%
Sydney - Inner West	2126	4.6%	2.3%
Sydney - North Sydney and Hornsby	1187	2.6%	0.6%
Sydney - Northern Beaches	563	1.2%	0.7%
Sydney - Outer South West	1350	2.9%	2.1%
Sydney - Outer West and Blue Mountains	839	1.8%	1.0%
Sydney - Parramatta	3286	7.1%	1.8%
Sydney - Ryde	1814	3.9%	2.2%
Sydney - South West	2372	5.1%	2.4%
Sydney - Sutherland	499	1.1%	0.9%
POW undefined	3961	8.5%	na

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Table 3. Queensland employed persons, Food product manufacturing, August 2011

Region	Employed in Food Product Manufacturing	Share of Total Employed in Food Manufacturing (Qld)	Food share of Total Employed in Region
Brisbane - East	3622	9.8%	5.2%
Brisbane - North	2365	6.4%	2.4%
Brisbane - South	1586	4.3%	1.2%
Brisbane - West	256	0.7%	0.5%
Brisbane Inner City	2145	5.8%	0.7%
Cairns	1438	3.9%	1.7%
Darling Downs - Maranoa	2117	5.8%	4.1%
Fitzroy	1593	4.3%	1.8%
Gold Coast	2262	6.1%	1.2%
Ipswich	4179	11.4%	4.5%
Logan - Beaudesert	1741	4.7%	2.2%
Mackay	1605	4.4%	2.0%
Moreton Bay - North	941	2.6%	1.8%
Moreton Bay - South	290	0.8%	0.7%
Queensland - Outback	283	0.8%	0.8%
Sunshine Coast	1297	3.5%	1.2%
Toowoomba	1022	2.8%	1.8%
Townsville	2154	5.9%	2.4%
Wide Bay	2439	6.6%	2.9%
POW Undefined	3446	9.4%	na

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