

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2013-2014

Outcome 1 - Employment

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Question

Breakdown of businesses by type and industry that were using this scheme

Senator WHISH-WILSON: My team has cut and pasted these, but I will get it for you. Can you tell me if they were wrong? There were 257 businesses located in Tasmania using the scheme, and 305 employees. I was wondering if you had any information on the breakdown of businesses by type and industry that were using this scheme. Ms Drayton: Specifically in Tasmania or more generally? Senator WHISH-WILSON: Yes, specifically in Tasmania. Ms Drayton: I have information here which is national. Ms Taylor: That would be useful. Ms Drayton: In response to your question, there were 567 businesses located in Tasmania receiving the subsidy. We do not have a breakdown other than, as Ms Drayton said, nationally-- Senator WHISH-WILSON: Did you say 567? Ms Taylor: There are two lots. As at 31 December—and you will have this in your answer—of the number currently receiving the Wage Connect subsidy, 567 of the businesses were located in Tasmania. Then we also included the number of people. We are happy to take on notice the breakdown for Tasmania, but if you would like the national-- Senator WHISH-WILSON: If you could give me the breakdown of small business, SME or large business. Senator Abetz: And your definition? Senator WHISH-WILSON: Let us say, 15 employees. CHAIR: FTE? Senator WHISH-WILSON: Full-time equivalents, correct, and also by industry type. I would be very interested to have a look at that. Ms Taylor: We may not have that granularity of detail, but we will take it on notice and look at that for you.

Answer

Wage Connect Placements by Industry - Tasmania As at 31 December 2013

Industry	Current Placements	Current Employers	All Employers*
Accommodation and Food Services	81	71	130
Administrative and Support Services	<20	<20	<20
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	<20	<20	36
Arts and Recreation Services	<20	<20	<20
Construction	<20	<20	38
Education and Training	<20	<20	<20
Electricity, Gas, Water, Waste Services	<20	<20	<20
Financial and Insurance Services	<20	<20	<20
Health Care and Social Assistance	20	<20	35
Information Media and Telecommunications	<20	<20	<20
Manufacturing	<20	<20	46
Mining	<20	<20	<20
Other Services	51	42	80
Professional, Scientific, Technical Services	<20	<20	21
Public Administration and Safety	<20	<20	<20
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	<20	<20	<20
Retail Trade	42	36	93
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	<20	<20	35
Wholesale Trade	<20	<20	20
Total	305	257	567

Note that "< 20" indicates a count of less than 20 – consistent with the release of Social Security information to protect individuals' privacy, cell sizes of less than 20 are represented as "<20"

*All Employers includes both current and ended placements made with employers from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2013.

The department is unable to give a breakdown of these placements for small business, small and medium enterprises or large business as this information is not recorded for the purposes of administering Wage Connect.