SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

2006-2007 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING 29TH AND 30TH MAY 2006 EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace

Output Group 2.2: Workplace relations implementation

Output 2.2.2: Assistance to the Employment Advocate

Question Number: W207-07

Question:

Senator Campbell and Senator Marshall asked at *Hansard* (30 May 2006) page 16:

Please provide a reconciliation of the number of AWAs by postcode with federal electorates. Please provide information about the software product that assigns postcodes to electorates.

Answer:

AWA postcode data (i.e. the residential postcode of employee parties to AWAs) is assigned to federal electoral divisions using an Excel spreadsheet supplied to the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC).

This Excel spreadsheet requires that the OEA populate a worksheet with AWA postcode data. This worksheet is then linked to a worksheet containing the relevant electoral information. Using particular functionality available in Excel, the software assigns AWA postcodes to the 151 federal electorates.

The OEA has streamlined this process by linking the electoral information in Excel to an Access database that is linked to the OEA's workflow system (i.e. the AWA management system).

The attached is the electoral data output for the three years to 31 March 2006. The OEA estimates 'live' AWAs using this three year methodology.

Name	CountOfInputID
ADELAIDE	5794
ASTON	4488
BALLARAT	2891
BANKS	2335
BARKER	5439
BARTON	2334
BASS	3630
BATMAN	4670
BENDIGO	2362
BENNELONG	2676
BEROWRA	3432
BLAIR	4140
BLAXLAND	1610
BONNER	3568
BOOTHBY	5900
BOWMAN	1750
BRADDON	4810
BRADFIELD	1666
BRAND	14118
BRISBANE	4424
BRUCE	4391
CALARE	3466
CALWELL	2825
CANBERRA	9881
CANNING	13222
CAPRICORNIA	3490
CASEY	4484
CHARLTON	3326
CHIFLEY	4680
CHISHOLM	4429
COOK	2124
CORANGAMITE	3059
CORIO	2244
COWAN	14488
COWPER	1724
CUNNINGHAM	2378
CURTIN	15179
DAWSON	3468
DEAKIN	1195
DENISON	5693
DICKSON	1766
DOBELL	2467
DUNKLEY	3971
EDEN-MONARO	1309
FADDEN	5875
FAIRFAX	3740
FARRER	3996
FISHER	2936

FLINDERS	2189
FORDE	2149
FORREST	8743
FOWLER	3808
FRANKLIN	2928
FRASER	10156
FREMANTLE	10892
GELLIBRAND	3777
GILMORE	1525
GIPPSLAND	3047
GOLDSTEIN	4257
GORTON	5937
GRAYNDLER	3475
GREENWAY	2208
GREY	4849
GRIFFITH	1300
GROOM	2433
GWYDIR	5333
HASLUCK	10990
HERBERT	4321
HIGGINS	3992
HINDMARSH	4221
HINKLER	2320
HOLT	3519
HOTHAM	1497
HUGHES	1262
HUME	2757
HUNTER	1701
INDI	2868
ISAACS	1664
JAGAJAGA	2861
KALGOORLIE	21203
KENNEDY	1359
KINGSFORD SMITH	2430
KINGSTON	2833
KOOYONG	2419
LA TROBE	1479
LALOR	1075
LEICHHARDT	2143
LILLEY	2434
LINDSAY	2131
LINGIARI	3284
LONGMAN	2737
LOWE	1954
LYNE	1054
LYONS	2645
MACARTHUR	656
MACKELLAR	1840
MACQUARIE	867
MAKIN	5058
MALLEE	1321

MARANOA	1669
MARIBYRNONG	1659
MAYO	2565
MCEWEN	2476
MCMILLAN	1098
MCPHERSON	3341
MELBOURNE	7823
MELBOURNE PORTS	5157
MENZIES	2092
MITCHELL	1252
MONCRIEFF	1597
MOORE	9308
MORETON	2271
MURRAY	1117
NEW ENGLAND	790
NEWCASTLE	1263
NORTH SYDNEY	1737
O'CONNOR	5770
OXLEY	2173
PAGE	1538
PARKES	2195
PARRAMATTA	2587
PATERSON	1214
PEARCE	6972
PERTH	7700
PETRIE	973
PORT ADELAIDE	3917
PROSPECT	857
RANKIN	1615
REID	1573
RICHMOND	1954
RIVERINA	649
ROBERTSON	1386
RYAN	866
SCULLIN	1157
SHORTLAND	410
SOLOMON	4567
STIRLING	3804
STURT	1661
SWAN	7446
SYDNEY	6515
TANGNEY	6164
THROSBY	949
WAKEFIELD	1885
WANNON	1473
WARRINGAH	1452
WATSON	763
WENTWORTH	2157
WERRIWA	1067
WIDE BAY	1635
WILLS	1119

Total electoral count   533122
Total AWA approval count   538120

Important note: AWA data sorted by electorate is subject to some error. This is due to the way employee postcode data is assigned to an electorate - i.e. where a postcode straddles two or more electorates the software assigns the record to one electorate only. Further, not all employee postcodes notified to the OEA are valid postcodes - these are removed from the count. Removal of invalid postcodes results in the total electoral count being 1-2 per cent less than the actual AWA approval number.