

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2011-2012

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Question

Connections For Communities - Demographic Data

Senator SIEWERT: I will put this on notice, but I am presuming for each of the 10 locations, you have the demographics et cetera all mapped out. Ms Paul: Yes. Senator SIEWERT: Can I get that on notice, please?

Answer

The table below shows a number of the key indicators used to select the areas for place-based measures. The data shown are those that were current at the time the areas were selected. More recent data are now available for some of the indicators.

Key indicators for areas identified to receive place-based assistance							
Local Government Area (LGA)	State	Unemployment rate (%) ¹	Proportion of the population (15-64) on income support ²	Annual change in unemployment beneficiaries (%) ³	Proportion of unemployment beneficiaries in receipt of payments for 12 months and over (%) ³	Proportion of the population (15-64) who have attained a Bachelor Degree or above (%) ⁴	Population ⁵
		September Quarter 2010	Feb-11	Feb 10 - Feb 11	Feb-11	Aug-06	Jun-09
Playford	SA	12.7	29.0	2.4	68.3	4.7	77 469
Burnie	TAS	10.0	23.1	-12.6	72.8	9.0	19 877
Hume	VIC	10.0	17.7	-6.1	64.8	10.2	167 540
Wyong	NSW	8.0	20.7	-6.2	64.9	8.6	149 382
Logan	QLD	9.1	17.1	-4.3	58.2	9.5	188 160
Bankstown	NSW	9.2	16.5	-4.1	64.0	14.1	186 108
Kwinana	WA	10.6	15.9	-9.6	55.0	6.5	28 044
Greater Shepparton	VIC	8.3	18.7	-9.8	66.5	11.8	62 368
Shellharbour	NSW	7.5	16.3	-8.5	65.8	8.5	66 905
Rockhampton	QLD	6.9	16.6	-7.7	60.2	13.4	64 247
Australia		5.3*	12.4**	-7.0	60.1	19.7	21 955 256

(1) Source: DEEWR *Small Area Labour Markets*, September Quarter 2010.

(2) Sources: Centrelink Administrative Data (DEEWR Bluebook extract – payments included in this proportion are Newstart, Youth Allowance (Other), Parenting Payment and Disability Support Pension), ABS Population by Age and Sex, June 2009 (Cat No. 3235.0)

(3) Source: Centrelink Administrative Data (DEEWR Bluebook extract)

(4) Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing 2006

(5) Source: ABS Population by Age and Sex, June 2009 (Cat No. 3235.0)

* Please note that the latest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Australia stood at 4.9 per cent in May 2011. The national unemployment rate provided above is a 12-month average, original figure for September 2010, to enable valid comparisons to be made with the data at the LGA level that were used to select the regions for place-based assistance.

** Please also note that the Australian total uses more up-to-date population data and is therefore not strictly comparable with the LGA data provided in the table above.