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Senator Cash asked on 21 October 2009, EEWR Hansard page 131.

Question

Work Experience

Is the department aware of providers in remote areas having additional difficulty in running work experience activities as they have limited or no access to the Productivity Places Program?

Answer

Job Services Australia providers have access to a suite of Work Experience activity options to offer job seekers in remote areas that can be undertaken singularly or in combination. Currently, the majority of Work Experience placements, in remote locations are in education, training and Community Development Employment Projects. Other approved Work Experience activities in remote regions include part-time work, voluntary work and group based activities, such as Work for the Dole.