

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 4 - Employment

DEEWR Question No. EW0639_12

Senator Nash provided in writing.

Question

Priority Employment Area Initiatives

"Following on from Question on Notice reply from budget estimates regarding Priority Employment Area Initiatives –

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eet_ctte/estimates/bud_1112/answers/EW0219_12.pdf The budget No 2 paper, details \$45.2 million over two years to extend the current Priority Area Employment initiatives that include Jobs and Skills expos and Local Employment Coordinators in priority regional areas. DEEWR states the priority regional areas are located across Australia with six in NSW, six in Qld, four in Victoria, two in SA, and one each in WA and Tassie. • Whereabouts in these states are the priority regional areas? "

Answer

The priority employment areas in New South Wales are:

- Canterbury-Bankstown and South Western Sydney
- Central Coast-Hunter
- Illawarra
- Mid-North Coast
- Richmond-Tweed and Clarence Valley
- Sydney West and Blue Mountains

The priority employment areas in Queensland are:

- Bundaberg-Hervey Bay
- Caboolture-Sunshine Coast
- Cairns
- Ipswich-Logan
- Southern Wide Bay-Burnett
- Townsville

The priority employment areas in Victoria are:

- Ballarat-Bendigo (Central Victoria)
- North Eastern Victoria
- North Western Melbourne
- South Eastern Melbourne

The priority employment areas in South Australia are:

- Northern and Western Adelaide
- Port Augusta-Whyalla-Port Pirie

The priority employment area in Tasmania is:

- North West/Northern Tasmania

The priority employment area in Western Australia is:

- South West Perth