

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

**Outcome 3 – Employment**

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**Senator Sinodinos asked on 17 October 2012 , Hansard page 72**

**Question**

**Work for the Dole activities**

Senator SINODINOS: Is it possible—not now—to provide a list of those activities or a representative list of the types of activities we are talking about? Ms Drayton: Certainly. Senator SINODINOS: And the breakdown by state and territory, if possible. Ms Drayton: We can give you the state breakdown now or on notice, whichever you prefer. Senator SINODINOS: I will take those figures now if you have them. Ms Drayton: Again, this is as at 31 August. There are 829 in Western Australia, 2,870 in Victoria, 501 in Tasmania, 1,041 in South Australia, 3,359 in Queensland, 328 in the Northern Territory, 4,344 in New South Wales and 15 in the ACT. I can provide for you a bit of breakdown of what some of those are on notice.

**Answer**

Work for the Dole is one of the targeted activities under Job Services Australia that assists job seekers to move into employment. Other activities include training, voluntary work, part-time work and casual work to assist job seekers towards achieving higher participation in employment and contributing to better labour market outcomes. While participating in Work for the Dole, job seekers can be offered opportunities to gain skills and experience in areas including, but not limited to, computing, landscaping, general maintenance tasks, painting, customer service, woodworking, and helping members of the public in not-for-profit community organisations, such as nursing homes.