

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

## BUDGET ESTIMATES – 27 May 2010 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Rural Services Officers

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**Senator:** FIFIELD

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#### Question:

**Senator FIFIELD** - Can you provide a list of the rural service officer positions by location - the number?

**Mr Tidswell** - We will take that on notice.

#### Answer:

The table below shows the location and number of Rural Service Officer (RSO) positions in 2009-10.

LOCATION	NUMBER OF RSO POSITIONS 2009-10
Area Central and Northern Queensland	5*
Area Hunter	4
Area North Central Victoria	7
Area Pacific Central	4
Area South Australia	6#
Area South East Queensland	4
Area South East Victoria	3
Area South West New South Wales	8#
Area South West Queensland	4
Area Tasmania	2
Area Western Australia	5#
Area West Victoria	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61</b>

\* This Area has 10 RSOs equivalent to five full-time positions.

# In the financial year 2009-10 Centrelink provided an additional Rural Service Officer in these Areas. These positions were unfunded.