

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Public Administration Portfolio

Department of Human Services and agencies

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SENATOR SIEWERT asked on 31/10/2006:

Senator SIEWERT—I have a number of questions but, due to time, I will put quite a few of them on notice. First, I ask you to clarify how many people have been breached under the new process. I realise there was some information in the paper today, but I did not bring it with me. Could we start with those numbers, please.

Mr Whalan—As at 29 September, 1,921 job seekers had an eight-week non-payment period applied.

Senator SIEWERT—Is it possible to break down those figures into regions or states?

Mr Whalan—We can do it by what we call ‘area’.

Answer:

Area break down of eight-week non-payment periods applied 1 July 2006 to 29 September 2006.

Area	Total
South Metro New South Wales	142
Pacific Central	93
South West New South Wales	97
West New South Wales	119
Hunter	111
East Coast New South Wales	67
South East Victoria	100
North Central Victoria	226
West Victoria	146
Central and North Queensland	55
Brisbane	224
North Australia	29
South Australia	150
Tasmania	39
Western Australia	170
Unknown*	153
Total	1,921

Source W2W report R28TWKB-20060929

*At the time of a failure decision the customer’s record was undetermined and the customer was not allocated to a specific area.

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