

1. Can DAFF please provide the level of Centrelink' drought' (rural service) officers over each of the past 5 years, broken down by State and by region?

Centrelink advises the following:

State	Location	No. FTE	Location	No. FTE	Location	No. FTE	Location	No. FTE	Location	No. FTE
	<b>2010-11 (Total)</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>2009-10 (Total)</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>2008-09 (Total)</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>2007-08 (Total)</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>2006-07 (Total)</b>	<b>41.5</b>
<b>Queensland</b>										
	Innisfail	0.5	Innisfail	0.5	Innisfail	0.5	Innisfail	0.5	Innisfail	0.5
	Mt Isa	0.5	Mt Isa	0.5	Mt Isa	0.5			Mossman	0.5
	Atherton	0.5	Atherton	0.5	Atherton	0.5				
	Charters Towers	0.5	Charters Towers	0.5	Emerald	0.5	Emerald	0.5	Emerald	0.5
	Gladstone	0.5	Gladstone	0.5	Gladstone	.5	Gladstone	0.5	Gladstone	0.5
	Longreach	0.5	Longreach	0.5	Longreach	1	Longreach	0.5	Longreach	0.5
	Bundaberg	1	Bundaberg	0.5	Bundaberg	1	Bundaberg	0.5	Bundaberg	1
	Gympie	1	Gympie	1	Gympie	1	Gympie	0.5	Gympie	1
	Maryborough	1	Maryborough	1			Ayr	0.5	Ayr	0.5
	Toowoomba	1	Toowoomba	1			Goondawindi	0.5		
	Charleville	1	Charleville	1	Charleville	1	Charleville	1	Charleville	1
	Warwick	1	Warwick	.5	Warwick	1	Warwick	1	Warwick	1
			Whitsunday	1	Whitsunday	0.5	Whitsunday	0.5	Whitsunday	0.5
			Dalby	1	Dalby	1	Dalby	1	Dalby	1
	Sub total FTE	9	Sub total FTE	10	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>8.5</b>
<b>Western Australia</b>										
	Geraldton	3	Geraldton	2	Geraldton	1	Geraldton	1	Geraldton	1
	Midland	1	Midland	1	Midland	1	Midland	1	Midland	1
	Bunbury	1	Bunbury	1	Bunbury	0.5	Bunbury	0.5	Bunbury	1
	Albany	1	Albany	1	Albany	1	Albany	1		
	Northam	0.5								
	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Tasmania</b>										
	Launceston	0.8	Launceston	1	Launceston	1	Launceston	1	Launceston	1
	Hobart	0.8	Hobart	1	Hobart	1	Hobart	1		
	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>1</b>

<b>New South Wales</b>										
	Young	1	Young	1						
	Orange	1	Orange	1	Orange	1	Orange	1	Orange	1
	Griffith	1	Griffith	1	Griffith	2	Griffith	2	Griffith	1
	Dubbo	1	Dubbo	2	Dubbo	1	Dubbo	1	Dubbo	1
	Wagga	1	Leeton	1	Wagga	1	Wagga	1	Parkes	1
	Maitland	0.5	Maitland	1	Maitland	1	Maitland	1	Maitland	1
	Port Macquarie	1	Port Macquarie	0.5	Tamworth	1	Tamworth	1	Tamworth	1
	Armidale	1	Armidale	1	Armidale	1	Armidale	1	Armidale	1
	Bourke	0.6	Bourke	1	Bourke	1	Bourke	1	Cooma	1
	Moree	0.4	Queanbeyan	1	Moree	1	Moree	1	Moree	1
	Lismore	1	Lismore	2	Lismore	1	Lismore	1	Lismore	1
			Gunnedah	0.5	Nambucca	1	Nambucca	1	Nambucca	1
			Walgett	1	Walgett	1	Walgett	1		
			Bowral	1	Bowral	1	Bowral	1	Mudgee	1
							Tweed Heads	1	Tweed Heads	1
					Cowra	1	Cowra	1		
					Canberra	0.5	Canberra	1		
	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>South Australia</b>										
	Berri	2	Berri	2	Berri	2	Berri	2		
	Murray Bridge	0.4	Murray Bridge	1	Murray Bridge	1	Murray Bridge	1	Murray Bridge	1
	Port Augusta	1	Port Augusta	1	Port Augusta	1	Port Augusta	1	Port Augusta	2
	Mt Gambier	0.2	Mt Gambier	1	Mt Gambier	1	Mt Gambier	1	Mr Gambier	1
	Victor Harbour	0.4	Victor Harbour	0.5	Victor Harbour	1	Victor Harbour	0.8		
			Pt Pirie	0.5						
	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>4</b>

Victoria										
	Wangaratta	1	Wangaratta	1	Wangaratta	2	Wangaratta	2	Wangaratta	1
	Albury	1	Albury	1	Albury	1	Albury	1		
	Shepparton	2	Shepparton	2	Shepparton	2	Shepparton	2	Shepparton	1
	Deniliquin	1	Deniliquin	1	Deniliquin	1	Deniliquin	1	Deniliquin	1
	Sale	2	Sale	2	Sale	2	Sale	1	Sale	2
	Morwell	1	Morwell	1	Morwell	1	Morwell	1	Morwell	1
	Swan Hill	1	Swan Hill	2	Swan Hill	1	Swan Hill	1	Swan Hill	1
	Horsham	1	Horsham	1	Horsham	1	Horsham	1		
	Hamilton	0.5	Hamilton	1	Hamilton	1	Hamilton	1	Hamilton	1
	Ballarat	1	Ballarat	1	Ballarat	1	Ballarat	1	Ballarat	1
	Mildura	1	Mildura	2	Mildura	2	Mildura	2	Mildura	1
	Bendigo	1	Bendigo	1	Bendigo	1	Bendigo	1	Bendigo	1
			Warrnambool	1	Warrnambool	1	Warrnambool	1	Warrnambool	1
			Echuca	1						
			Seymour	1						
	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>Sub total FTE</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>12</b>

Please note:

- Rural Service Officer (RSO) position are counted as full-time equivalent (FTE);
- the specific FTE and location of RSO s has been the primary responsibility of each Centrelink Area, therefore on occasion positions have been moved depending on local demand; and
- All data in this table has been supplied by Centrelink.