

Estimates Committee 2013
Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: Unemployment rate of Indigenous people in the NT

From:Mr Gerry Wood to Treasurer David Tollner
Department of Business

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Question: Minister, could you supply what the unemployment rate is for Aboriginal people outside of the major centres in the Northern Territory?

Answer:
Answered On: 27/06/2013

Response to Estimates Committee

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Department of Business

Mr Gerry Wood to Minister for Business, the Hon David Toliner MLA

Minister, could you supply what the unemployment rate is for Aboriginal people outside of the major centres in the Northern Territory?

As at August 2011, the unemployment rate for Indigenous persons usually resident outside major centres in the Northern Territory was 22.7%.

It should be noted that in providing this response:

- The Department of Business advise caution be exercised in using this number
- Underlying data has been adjusted to avoid the release of confidential data
- Northern Territory regions refer to statistical area level 2 (SA2) regions under the Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) Australian Statistical Geography Standard
- SA2 regions included in the above calculation include: Petermann – Simpson, Sandover – Plenty, Tanami, Yuendumu – Anmatjere, Barkly, Alligator, Daly, Thamarurr, Tiwi Islands, West Arnhem, Anindilyakwa, East Arnhem, Elsey, Gulf, Victoria River
- SA2 regions excluded from the above calculation include: Katherine, Nhulunbuy, Tennant Creek, and SA2s in Greater Darwin and Alice Springs
- The unemployment rate has been calculated based on self-enumerated ABS Census counts
- Underlying Indigenous status data includes persons identifying as Torres Strait Islanders
- Persons who did not state their Indigenous status or their labour force status have not been included in the calculation of the unemployment rate
- Unemployment refers to persons aged 15 years and over who were not employed and were actively looking for work and were available for work
- All labour force terms are defined as per the relevant ABS glossary.