

Media Release



State of the Family Report from Anglicare Australia on barriers to employment Media release 31 October

Anglicare Australia today launched its Flagship *State of the Family Report* on at Australian Parliament House.

Tony Nicholson, CEO of the Brotherhood of St Laurence (a member of Anglicare Australia) officially launched the report.

Positions Vacant? When the Jobs Aren't There is the title of the 2016 report, and it is informed by Anglicare Australia's first Jobs Availability Snapshot.

The findings from the Snapshot show that only 13 percent of all advertised jobs in May 2016 were at the entry level (which assumes year 10 education or equivalent).

In May there were 21,812 entry level jobs advertised in Australia. That same month there were 138,044 people registered as disadvantaged job seekers, in a total of 732,000 people unemployed. That is about 6 people in need of an entry level job for every job advertised.

Executive Director of Anglicare Australia Kasy Chambers said that this figure shows the difficulty.

'When we look at this figure we can see that finding a job if you don't have a degree, year 12, or ample workplace experience, or just happen to live in an area with few jobs, is near on impossible. We need to both grow the jobs market and invest in people so they can develop the skills and experience they need.'

'The report shows evidence from our network agencies that people are facing barriers to employment as a result of widespread economic upheaval. We have nine stories that make up the report from Anglicare network members in almost every state of Australia detailing a breadth of challenges to finding work', she said.

'From the end of the mining boom in Western Australia to the collapse of the automotive industry in South Australia; or from the barriers faced by young people leaving care right through to migrants and people suffering from mental illness; the report shows that a significant proportion of people who genuinely want to work are unable to find suitable employment.'

Copies of the report and the Jobs Availability Snapshot are available at the following link
<http://bit.ly/2eprTNS>

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