

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000145

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Relates to previous Employment Question No EMSQ15-000405

Question

Update to EMSQ15-000405 - Wage subsidy employment outcomes

Provide the latest data on the employment outcomes from the Government's wage subsidies program. What proportion and how many people accessing a wage subsidy were still in employment at three months and at six months? How many and what proportion are long term or very long-term unemployed people?

Answer

What proportion and how many people accessing a wage subsidy were still in employment at three months and at six months?

Tasmanian Jobs Programme:

- 44 per cent of participants achieved a 12 week or 13 week employment outcome.
- 47 per cent of participants achieved a 26 week employment outcome.

Restart:

- 63 per cent of participants achieved a 12 week or 13 week employment outcome.
- 52 per cent of participants achieved a 26 week employment outcome.

Long Term Unemployed and Indigenous Wage Subsidy:

- 53 per cent of participants achieved a 12 week employment outcome.
- At this point in time, it is too early for reliable comparative data.

Youth Wage Subsidy:

- At this point in time, it is too early for reliable comparative data.
- No participants have been in a placement long enough to achieve a 26 week employment outcome at this point in time.

Parents Wage Subsidy:

- At this point in time, it is too early for reliable comparative data.
- No participants have been in a placement long enough to achieve a 26 week employment outcome at this point in time.

Note: The Government's wage subsidies programme includes the Tasmanian Jobs Programme and Restart, which have been active for some time.

How many and what proportion are long term or very long-term unemployed people?

Tasmanian Jobs Programme:

76 per cent of participants are long-term unemployed.

41 per cent of participants are very long-term unemployed.

Restart:

75 per cent of participants are long-term unemployed.

42 per cent of participants are very long-term unemployed.

Long Term Unemployed and Indigenous Wage Subsidy:

97 per cent of participants are long-term unemployed.

62 per cent of participants are very long-term unemployed.

Note: Three per cent of participants are not long-term unemployed as Indigenous job seekers are eligible for early access (after six months of participation in employment services) to a Long Term Unemployed and Indigenous Wage Subsidy.

Youth Wage Subsidy:

80 per cent of participants are long-term unemployed.

45 per cent of participants are very long-term unemployed.

Parents Wage Subsidy:

86 per cent of participants are long-term unemployed.

55 per cent of participants are very long-term unemployed.

Data as at 16 February 2016.