

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Inquiry into the Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Division: Labour Market Policy Division
Topic: JobSaver payments
Reference: Written (20 August 2021)
Senator: Katy Gallagher

Question:

1. Please provide data on JobSaver payments made to date by state and territory.
- If possible, please provide this as weekly or fortnightly data.
2. Please provide data on the Commonwealth's contributions to these payments.
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Answer:

1 & 2: The NSW business support payment (also known as JobSaver) is being delivered by the NSW Government, with applications through the Service NSW website. Service NSW are publicly reporting on the JobSaver program here <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/covid-19-help-businesses/covid-19-business-grants-processing>.

The JobSaver payment is 50/50 funded by the Commonwealth and NSW governments.

The Government is currently progressing an agreement with the NSW Government for the JobSaver program.

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Question:

Can the Treasury provide an estimate of additional expenditure on COVID-19 supports to businesses and households since the 2021-22 Budget was published?

Answer:

Since the 2021-22 Budget support has been provided to households through the COVID-19 Disaster Payment, and to businesses through agreements with states and territories. Data available as at 25 August indicates that the Commonwealth has provided around \$4.8 billion in additional support since the 2021-22 Budget.