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Topic: Highest cumulative JK payments

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Senator: Jacqui Lambie

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Senator LAMBIE: What is the largest amount that a single employer has received through the JobKeeper payment since March?

Mr Hirschhorn: We might need to take that on notice.

Mr O'Halloran: Yes, we will have to take that on notice, Senator. Was your question about the largest cumulative payment?

Senator LAMBIE: While you're doing it, maybe you should break it up. I'm not sure how much you have paid out. We could look at going into the hundreds of thousands. If you could just break it down a bit—

Mr Hirschhorn: But your question was on cumulative payments? I want to make sure I understand it.

Senator LAMBIE: Yes, that's correct.

Mr Hirschhorn: Thank you. I will have to take that on notice, if I may.

Answer:

The ATO cannot comment on the tax affairs of any individual or entity due to our obligations of confidentiality under the law. This obligation includes not indirectly identifying an entity by providing information reasonably capable of identifying an entity.

The table below shows the number of entities who have received JobKeeper by the cumulative amount received as at midnight 24 September 2020. The table also includes the Average Supported Jobs (employees and eligible business participants) per fortnight. The average number of Average Supported Jobs per fortnight column is an average of the number of employees and eligible business participants identified for a JobKeeper fortnight.

Cumulative JobKeeper net cash* range	Number of entities	Average Supported Jobs
\$1 - \$100,000	938,008	1.7
\$100,001 - \$1,000,000	83,571	15
\$1,000,001 - \$10,000,000	4515	150
\$10,000,001 or more	223	1537
Total	1,026,317	

*Net cash is amounts disbursed less any repayments made as at midnight 24 September 2020.