

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Inquiry into Coronavirus Economic Response Package Amendment (Ending Jobkeeper Profiteering) Bill 2021

Topic: JobKeeper forecast/turnover in decline
Senator: Rex Patrick

Question:

1. How many employers were paid JobKeeper on forecast, and what was the total amount paid.
2. How many employers were paid JobKeeper on turnover decline, and what was the total amount paid.

Answer:

During the first phase of the JobKeeper program (April to September 2020), the ATO systems and application process did not distinguish between those entities that claimed JobKeeper on the basis of actual decline in turnover based on the previous year's period, those who did so on the basis of projected turnover or those who were using one of the eight alternative tests.

As at 15 August 2021, the number of entities that received JobKeeper on the basis their business in a relevant period has had, or is likely to have a decline in turnover (as was required in period 1) was approximately 1.046 million for the first phase of JobKeeper with the amount paid around \$70 billion.

*Entities includes employers and eligible business participants inclusive of sole traders.