

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 4 - Employment

DEEWR Question No. CA0033_12

Senator Siewert asked on 17 February 2012 , Hansard page 28

Question on rate at which employment commencements and 26-week employment outcomes are paid under Australian Employment Covenant contract.

Question

AEC Commencements

Ms Wood: So far we have not had a claim for commencements that meets the evidentiary statement. At this point, we have not paid for any commencements. It is probably unlikely that we will, but we will know that when we get to the end of the contract. Senator SIEWERT: What was the flat rate for the commencements? Ms Wood: I do not have that with me, but we can provide that on notice. Senator SIEWERT: Was there a payment for achieving a 26-week outcome? Ms Wood: No, but I will double-check that on notice as well.

Answer

Under the contract:

- commencement payments are set at \$165 per employment commencement achieved, to a maximum of 50,000 employment commencements; and
- 26-week outcome payments are set at \$110 per 26-week employment outcome to a maximum of 50,000 26-week employment outcomes.

There were no claims made that met the evidentiary requirements for a 26-week outcome payment.