

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 1 – Early Childhood, Working Age and Indigenous Participation

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Question

Pause in grants program

Senator PAYNE: That is a different thing? It says: ... no applications will be approved during this time. We will notify employers via this website when the pause is over. What does 'pause' mean in that context? Ms J Taylor: It means a pause for a period of time. Senator PAYNE: And do employers have any idea how long that is going to be? Ms J Taylor: It should not be too long. Senator PAYNE: How long has it been in place? Ms J Taylor: I am not sure of that, but I can take that on notice and get the date. Senator PAYNE: Thank you.

Answer

The recent grants pause was announced on 27 August 2012 and finished on 22 October 2012.

Within twenty four hours of the grants pause ceasing advice to this effect was placed on the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations' Indigenous Wage Subsidy website and processing of Indigenous Wage Subsidy applications recommenced.