

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 1 - Employment

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Question

Tasmanian Jobs Programme

How many participants received payments at \$3,250, and how many received payments at \$6,000 after the rate was increased in the 2015 Budget?

As the program closed to new claims on 31 December, how many placements are still ongoing and may become eligible for payment?

Can the Department confirm how many job seekers who received payment under the programme are still in employment and how many have returned to income support?

How much of the total \$6.8 million budgeted for the program has been spent on subsidies?

Answer

- Please note the Tasmanian Jobs Programme ceased for new applicants on 31 December 2015.
- 52 employers received the original amount of \$3,250. Since 13 May 2015 when the changes were implemented, two employers have received a payment of \$3,250 for part-time placements and 32 employers have received a payment of \$6,500 for full time placements.
- As at 16 February 2016, there are 152 ongoing placements that may become eligible for a payment.
- Job seekers who gain employment and cease receiving income support are no longer attached to employment services. The Department does not obtain or retain data relating to employment of these job seekers beyond the period of the wage subsidy. 86 payments have been made to employers for job seekers who completed the programme. Of the 86 job seekers, 14 are currently on income support.
- As at 16 February 2016, \$348,637 has been spent on wage subsidies under the Tasmanian Jobs Programme.