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Question

Wage Subsidy

Senator LINES: So it is 25 hours a week, and it has to be permanent part time? Is that what we now mean?

Mr Hehir: Yes.

Senator LINES: Can it be a contract—or non-ongoing, in departmental language?

Ms Leon: Yes. It is unchanged. That element is unchanged from when it was first brought in: it should be a sustainable, ongoing job. The expectation is that the job is ongoing for people to be placed into it, and that is unchanged in the flexibilities that Mr Hehir has been taking you through.

Senator LINES: Does that mean you cannot use it for contracts?

Ms Leon: I would not think so, but I will just check.

Answer

The Tasmanian Jobs Programme does not preclude contract based employment. However, positions are expected to be ongoing and sustainable, last at least 26 weeks and continue after the Tasmanian Jobs Programme wage subsidy is completed.