

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Question

Wage Subsidy guidelines

Senator LINES: What is the figure below 38 that gets you less than \$6,500?

Ms Leon: I do not know if I have that level of detail here. Can we take that on notice for you?

Senator LINES: But how are you going to pay people. How do you provide the subsidy if you do not know the rules.

Ms Leon: I just do not know if the officers who are here have that guideline with them—

Senator LINES: But you have got that somewhere.

Ms Leon: I am happy to take that on notice for you. I would imagine that if you are an employer who is intending to employ someone for 37 hours a week and you discovered that by employing them for an extra hour you would get double the subsidy, it is quite possible they might employ them for the extra hour. But we will find out for you what the parameters are about the number below 38.

Senator LINES: So your guideline will say 'in line with the relevant award or enterprise agreement'?

Ms Leon: I have taken on notice the question as to how exactly it is expressed.

Answer

From 13 May 2015, the value of the Tasmanian Jobs Programme Incentive Payment is \$6,500 for full-time positions or \$3,250 for part-time positions (GST inclusive).

A Tasmanian Jobs Programme Placement must:

- be a full-time job (as defined by the relevant industrial instrument), or be a part-time job for a minimum of 25 hours per week, and
- be in accordance with the relevant classification, with reference to the *Fair Work Act 2009* and the National Employment Standards.