

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

#### **Outcome 1 - Employment**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000226**

**Senator Lines submitted in writing**

#### **Question**

##### **Restart - Over 50 job seekers**

How many over 50 job seekers who were unemployed and on income for 6 months have been hired as a direct result of the Restart wage subsidy?

How many over 50 job seekers who were employed and on income support for 6 months does the Government expect to remain employed after 18 months of employment and the final instalment payment has been paid to the employer?

#### **Answer**

- 1) As at 26 May 2015, there have been 1,541 Restart placements.
- 2) The first possible date that an 18 month milestone can be paid is 1 January 2016. Under new arrangements announced in the May Budget, from 1 November 2015 all Restart agreements will go for 12 months rather than 24 months.