

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

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

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

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000791**

**Senator Cameron asked on 06 May 2016 on proof Hansard page 57**

#### **Question**

##### **Refusal of wage subsidy applications**

Senator CAMERON: How many employers have been refused a wage subsidy because they do not comply with the existing requirements?

Ms Leon: I do not have that information here. I am not sure that we do have it. I will find out what we do have and take that on notice, if that is alright?

Senator CAMERON: So you cannot tell if an application has been made and rejected?

Mr Hehir: The application is not made to us. The application is made to the jobactive provider.

Senator CAMERON: They do not provide you that information?

Mr Hehir: They would not necessarily tell us that someone had asked for a wage subsidy outside of the period. They would normally follow the guidelines which say that it needs to be kept within the period.

Ms Leon: We will see what information we do have.

#### **Answer**

Agreements are negotiated and signed between the employment services provider and the employer. Data is not collected by the department on wage subsidy applications that are not approved.