

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

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

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

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004040**

**Senator Kakoschke-Moore asked on 29 May 2017 on proof Hansard page 36**

#### **Question**

##### **ParentsNext - Drug and alcohol treatment**

Mr Manning: Can I just add to that. Since September 2016, a participant of ParentsNext has been able to concurrently be in jobactive as well. I do not have the numbers on how many that would be. It would be small. But, if they were in jobactive too, of course their jobactive provider could make decisions in relation to access to the employment fund.

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: Sorry, I may not have picked it up properly, but are you saying that, in the intensive stream, that fund is open to drug and alcohol treatment?

Mr Manning: I would need to check.

#### **Answer**

Compulsory ParentsNext participants may concurrently be serviced in jobactive. In jobactive they are treated as a Volunteer, that is, they are placed in Stream A for a maximum of six months. jobactive providers may choose to use the Employment Fund to assist Volunteers, including with drug and alcohol treatment.