

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004283

Senator Marshall provided in writing.

Relates to previous Employment Question No EMSQ17-003988

Question

Parent Wage Subsidy claims

The Answer to Question on Notice EMSQ17-003988 (copy of Qon on page 106) says in the 12 months to 31 March 2017 Parent Wage Subsidy claims of \$3 million were made, but the forecast expenditure was \$4.7 million. (That is: \$1.7 million under claimed.)

- Doesn't that mean fewer parents finding jobs than expected?
- Weren't the jobactive contracts arranged to encourage a greater level of engagement from businesses?
- Aren't well under-filled Parent Wage more evidence there isn't the level of engagement from businesses expected?

Answer

No. Not all qualifying businesses will take up a wage subsidy, nor will all employment qualify for a subsidy. For example, seasonal and non-ongoing work does not meet the eligibility criteria for a wage subsidy. Refer to SQ17-004297 for detail on the Parents wage subsidy.

Refer to SQ17-004287 for details on jobactive engagement with business.