

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

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

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

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004295**

**Senator Marshall provided in writing.**

#### **Question**

##### **Restart wage subsidies - claims and targets**

How many Restart wage subsidies have been claimed in the last 12 months?  
What was the total value of the Restart wage subsidy claims in the last 12 months?  
What was the forecasted expenditure of Restart wage subsidies for the last 12 months?  
What was the target for the number of Restart wage subsidies for the last 12 months?

#### **Answer**

In the 12 months to 31 March 2017, 8,166 Restart Wage Subsidy agreements were made and \$13,675,813 claims paid. The forecast for the same period was 8,961 job seekers to take up a Restart Wage subsidy with \$35,972,760 claims paid. Point in time forecast expenditure may not always be comparable to actual expenditure due to individual provider and employer claiming behavior, job seeker movements and the flexibility of the payment arrangements. For the same reasons, expenditure may not correlate with take up.

Relates to EMSQ17-004278.