

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004296

Senator Marshall provided in writing.

Question

Youth wage subsidies - claims and targets

How many Youth Wage subsidies have been claimed in the last 12 months?

What was the total value of the Youth Wage subsidy claims in the last 12 months?

What was the forecasted expenditure of Youth Wage subsidy claims for the last 12 months?

What was the target for the number of Youth Wage subsidies for the last 12 months?

Answer

In the 12 months to 31 March 2017, 10,710 Youth Wage Subsidy agreements were made and \$13,167,616 in claims paid. The forecast for the same period was 8,348 job seekers to take up a Youth Wage Subsidy with \$29,092,902 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.

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