

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

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

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

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004297**

**Senator Marshall provided in writing.**

#### **Question**

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

How many Parent Wage Subsidies have been claimed in the last 12 months?

What was the total value of the Parent Wage Subsidy claims in the last 12 months?

What was the forecasted expenditure of Parent Wage Subsidy claims for the last 12 months?

What was the target for the number of Parent Wage Subsidies for the last 12 months?

#### **Answer**

In the 12 months to 31 March 2017, 3,392 Parent Wage Subsidy agreements were made with \$3,080,062 claims paid. The forecast for the same period was 1,577 job seekers to take up a Parent Wage Subsidy and for \$4,740,860 claims to be 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 EMSQ17-004283.