

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004298

Senator Marshall provided in writing.

Question

Long term unemployed and Indigenous wage subsidies - claims and targets

How many Long Term Unemployed and Indigenous Wage Subsidies have been claimed in the last 12 months?

What was the total value of the Long Term Unemployed and Indigenous Wage Subsidy claims in the last 12 months?

What was the forecasted expenditure of Long Term Unemployed and Indigenous Wage claims for the last 12 months?

What the target for the number of Long Term Unemployed and Indigenous Wage Subsidies for the last 12 months?

Answer

In the 12 months to 31 March 2017, 11,530 Long Term Unemployed and Indigenous Wage Subsidy agreements were made and \$15,688,687 claims paid. The forecast for the same period was 21,329 job seekers with \$63,126,899 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 EMSQ17-004285.