

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EM1646_15

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Wage Subsidies and Employment Outcomes

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2. What proportion and how many people accessing a wage subsidy were still in employment at three months and at six months? How many and what proportion are long term or very long-term unemployed people?
3. Provide details of the outcomes of the Tasmanian wage subsidy scheme for mature age job seekers, eg. the number of participants, the number in employment after 12 and 26 weeks of taking part in the program.
4. How does this compare to outcomes for WFTD schemes for people in Tasmania? Compare outcomes for Work for the Dole programs in Tasmania?

Answer

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	Wage Connect*	Employment Pathway Fund	Tasmanian Jobs Programme*	Restart*
Period	1 January 2012 to 9 December 2014	1 July 2013 to 9 December 2014	1 January 2014 to 9 December 2014	1 July 2014 to 11 November 2014
Total number of placements	24,111	37,367	114	588
13-week outcomes				
Number achieved (proportion achieved) **	17,308 (72%)	27,230 (79%)	68 (73%)	156 (78%)
Number of 13 week outcome achieved by long-term unemployed (12+ months) job seekers (proportion achieved)	12,208 (71%)	16,268 (60%)	58 (85%)	115 (74%)
Number of 13 week outcome achieved by very long-term unemployed (24+ months) job seekers # (proportion achieved)	9,787 (57%)	9,024 (33%)	30 (44%)	58 (37%)
26-week outcomes				
Number achieved (proportion achieved) **	13,158 (55%)	19,122 (66%)	31 (53%)	n.a. – Restart commenced on 1 July 2014
Number of 26 week outcomes achieved by long-term unemployed (12+ months) job seekers (proportion achieved)	9,319 (71%)	11,144 (58%)	26 (84%)	
Number of 26 week outcomes achieved by very long-term unemployed (24+ months) job seekers# (proportion achieved)	7,502 (57%)	6,103 (32%)	14 (45%)	

*These wage subsidy programs include job seekers serviced in Job Services Australia and Disability Employment Services

– Very long-term unemployed job seekers are a subset of long-term unemployed job seekers.

**The calculation of the Proportion Achieved for 13 and 26 week outcomes, excludes any job placements where the job placement occurred less than 13 or 26 weeks prior to 11 November 2014.

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Of the 114 Tasmanian wage subsidy scheme participants, eight (7 per cent) are aged 50 years or over. Of which, six achieved a 13 week employment outcome and three achieved a 26 week employment outcome.

4. How does this compare to outcomes for WFTD schemes for people in Tasmania? Compare outcomes for Work for the Dole programs in Tasmania?

13 week and 26 week employment outcomes for positions subsidised through programmes such as Tasmanian Jobs and Work for the Dole outcomes are not directly comparable. 13 week and 26 week employment outcomes are paid to a JSA provider where a job seeker remains in employment for 13 or 26 weeks. However, as Work for the Dole is not considered to be employment, participation in this activity cannot attract an employment outcome.

EM1647_15 provides (non-comparable) Post Programme Monitoring data for Work for the Dole.