

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000375

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Relates to previous Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000104

Question

Youth Wage Subsidy

This was a wage subsidy of up to \$6,500 paid to eligible employers who hire a Job Seeker under 30 years old who have been unemployed for more than 6 months. From 1 July 2015 – can you please clarify if it still exists?

1. Does this wage subsidy still exist in the wages pool?
2. If YES - how many job employers are currently on track to receive this payment?
 - a. What is the breakdown by age;
 - b. What is the breakdown by state;
 - c. How long were they previously unemployed for?
3. If YES – is this subsidy on track to meet its target of the number of job seekers it was to support each year?

Answer

1. Yes, noting this subsidy became available on 1 November 2015.
2. As at 27 October the Youth Wage Subsidy had not commenced so there is no data to provide.
3. The Youth Wage Subsidy is a demand driven programme and there is no annual target for the number of job seeker places per year.