

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

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

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

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000387**

**Senator Lines provided in writing.**

#### **Question**

##### **Tasmanian Jobs Programme - funding on subsidies**

1. Can you confirm how much of the total \$6.8 million budgeted for the program has actually been spent on subsidies?
2. Can you detail what else has been spent?
3. Can you confirm that the program will be wrapped up on 31 December and all remaining funding will be absorbed into the wage subsidy pool?

#### **Answer**

1. As at 27 October 2015, \$254,091 has been spent on wage subsidies under the Tasmanian Jobs Programme.
2. In addition to the wage subsidy component of the Programme, \$183,959 has been spent on communication and advertising initiatives.
3. The Programme will close to new applicants as originally scheduled on 31 December 2015. Since 1 July 2015 all funding for the Tasmanian Jobs Programme has formed part of the \$1.2 billion wage subsidy pool.