

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000390

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Relates to previous Department of Employment Question No EMSQ15-000102

Question

Tasmanian Jobs Programme - number of job seekers

During the June Estimates, the department advised that "Of the 82 job seekers that have completed their six months, we know that 62 of them are still in employment." However in response to the question on notice the department advised that "of the 50 instances where the employer received the Tasmanian Jobs Programme Wage subsidy, seven have returned to income support. The remaining 43 are still in employment."

1. Can you confirm how many job seekers completed six months under the Tasmanian Jobs Programme?
2. Can you confirm how many job seekers are still in employment and how many have returned to income support?
3. How many received payments at \$3,250, and how many received payments at \$6,000 after the rate was increased in the 2015 Budget.

Answer

1. As at 27 October 2015, 108 job seekers are identified as having completed six months under Tasmanian Jobs Programme placements.
2. Job seekers who gain employment and cease receiving income support are no longer attached to employment services. The Department does not obtain or retain data relating to employment of these job seekers beyond the period of the wage subsidy. 160 job seekers are either identified as completing the six months or ceased employment prior to the required six months in the programme. Of those, 98 remain off income support and 62 have returned to income support.
3. There have been 54 payments for the original amount of \$3,250 for full time placements and 16 \$6,500 payments to employers.