

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000155

Senator Siewert provided in writing

Relates to previous Employment Question No EMSQ15-000413

Question

Update to EMSQ15-000413 - Employment Fund

Please provide updates to the following QoNs from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015-16 using the latest available data/period: EMSQ15-000413

Updated Answer

Table 1: Employment Fund Credits and Expenditure by Stream from 1 July 2015 to 16 February 2016

Stream	Total Credits	% of Total Credits	Expenditure ¹	% of Total Expenditure
Stream A	\$39,649,802	17.4%	\$8,639,925	27.9%
Stream B	\$103,446,206	45.4%	\$9,791,684	31.6%
Stream C	\$76,296,557	33.5%	\$11,988,029	38.7%
Stream A Volunteer	\$8,684,900	3.8%	\$131,018	0.4%
Purchase of Bulk Items Not Yet Attributed to Job Seekers ²	\$0	0.0%	\$438,145	1.4%
Total	\$228,077,465	100%	\$30,988,802	100%

¹ EF Expenditure figures provided are GST inclusive.

² Bulk purchases are used where the recipient job seekers are not known at the time of purchase. Examples include bus tickets, hygiene packs and basic haircuts.

Note: Wage Subsidies and Work for the Dole Activities are funded separately to the Employment Fund General Account.

Employment Fund General Account Expenditure by Category as at 16 February 2016

Category Description	Expenditure ¹	% of Total Expenditure
Accredited Training	\$9,818,981	31.7%
Professional Services	\$8,771,135	28.3%
Clothing and Presentation	\$4,328,305	14.0%
Work Related Items	\$1,573,124	5.1%
Work Related Licencing	\$1,101,902	3.6%
Accredited Interpreter Services	\$1,056,599	3.4%
Job Seeker Transport	\$972,664	3.1%
Food, Phone and Petrol Cards/Vouchers	\$955,679	3.1%
Employer Required Training (non-accredited)	\$895,066	2.9%
Tools, Books, Equipment and Mobile Phones	\$505,840	1.6%
Rent and Crisis Accommodation	\$234,501	0.8%
Post Placement Support	\$216,947	0.7%
Remaining categories ²	\$558,059	1.8%
Total	\$30,988,802	100.0%

¹EF Expenditure figures provided are GST inclusive.

²Remaining categories include: Employer Required Training, Targeted Pre-Employment Preparation; Stream C only Assistance; Special Claims; Relocation Assistance; Work Trials (Stream C Participants only); Medical Expenses; Driving Lessons; and Non-WfD Activity Costs.

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Original Answer

Table 1: Employment Fund Credits and Expenditure by Stream from 1 July 2015 to 30 September 2015

Stream	Total Credits	% of Total Credits	Expenditure ¹	% of Total Expenditure
Stream A	\$13,927,450	10%	\$1,380,495	22.4%
Stream B	\$60,010,991	44%	\$1,816,587	29.4%
Stream C	\$59,101,167	43%	\$2,721,463	44.1%
Stream A Volunteer	\$3,394,900	2%	\$24,390	0.4%
Purchase of Bulk Items Not Yet Attributed to Job Seekers ²	\$0	0%	\$227,416	3.7%
Total	\$136,434,508	100%	\$6,170,351	100.0%

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²Batch purchases are used where the recipient job seekers are not known at the time of purchase. Examples include bus tickets, hygiene packs and basic haircuts.

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Table 2: Employment Fund General Account Expenditure by Category as at 30 September 2015

Categories	Expenditure¹	% of Total Expenditure
Professional Services	\$1,786,500	29.0%
Accredited Training	\$1,258,788	20.4%
Clothing and Presentation	\$1,174,554	19.0%
Work Related Licencing	\$331,317	5.4%
Work Related Items	\$321,758	5.2%
Accredited Interpreter Services	\$318,648	5.2%
Food, Phone and Petrol Cards/Vouchers	\$286,614	4.6%
Other categories	\$692,173	11.2%
Total	\$6,170,351²	100%

¹Expenditure figures provided are GST inclusive.

²Due to rounding total is not a sum of the individual categories.