

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EM0759_15

Senator Collins provided in writing.

Question

Restart and Wage Connect

Can the Department advise whether the Restart payment be paid instead or, or in addition to, Wage Connect in relevant applicable cases? How many older Australians (over 50) secured employment through the Wage Connect subsidy in the last 12 months?

Answer

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Restart cannot be used in addition to Wage Connect.

How many older Australians (over 50) secured employment through the Wage Connect subsidy in the last 12 months?

In the last 12 months as at 31 March 2013, there have been 477 Job Services Australia Wage Connect placements and 906 Disability Employment Services Wage Connect placements for Mature Age (50+) Australians.