

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

Wage subsidy

Senator SIEWERT: That is after the first year, though. After the first year, I am entitled to a wage subsidy. Does it apply for casual work or only full-time work?

Ms Taylor: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator SIEWERT: Tell me if it applies to part-time work and casual work.

Ms Kidd: I think that level of detail has not yet been sorted. But you are entitled to a subsidy. You are also entitled to a—

Answer

The 2014-15 Budget announced a new wage subsidy available for young job seekers included in the Stronger Participation Incentives for Job Seekers under 30 measure. Job seekers will become eligible from the commencement of their second period on a nil rate of income support (for example after 12 months in employment services).

Detailed policy parameters on the youth wage subsidy, including whether it will apply to part-time and casual work, are still being finalised.