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Question

Number of people who have left wage subsidy programs

Senator SIEWERT: Can I perhaps ask—and I know this may take a bit of time to get the information so perhaps I will ask it and then go on while you find the information. Can you give us the data, under the existing 12-month process for termination, on how many people have fallen out of, left or been put off from the process at the moment under the current rules?

Mr Hehir: I think that we might have some data from an evaluation that we undertook that might answer that broadly. I will see whether we can get that.

Ms Leon: But, bear in mind: I will not be able to tell you out of the current wage subsidy pool, because it has not been in existence long enough for me to give you data post 12 months. That big wage subsidy pool we have at the moment is only 12 months old. I can give you generally.

Answer

The department's data shows that from 1 July 2015 to 6 May 2016, the total number of wage subsidy agreements was 16,269, of these there were 2,789 wage subsidy terminations. The reasons recorded for these terminations were: ceased employment (2141), employment did not reach minimum hours required (472), the participant found other employment (68) and non-compliance with agreement (108).