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Question

Ireland's internship program and wage subsidies

Senator SIEWERT: My question is: do we know how many of those were then employed because they got the wage subsidy? Then do we know what happened after the wage subsidy?

Ms Jensen: The information that I have here is that this was the employment outcome of the internship program itself. I am happy to come back on notice to clarify whether some of that was due later to—in combination with the wage subsidy. But my understanding is: this was purely the employment impact of the internship program itself from an independent evaluation of the JobBridge internship program.

Ms Leon: The evaluation data we have with us do not say whether any of those people were on subsidies. So I think Ms Jensen has taken that part of notice.

Senator SIEWERT: There are a number of points there. We need to know whether it was a combination—whether it was the people who went through the whole process or whether it was just the internship and the subsidy, and then from a perspective of how successful the subsidy process was.

Ms Jensen: I am pretty sure it is purely the impact of the internship program. But we can just take that on notice to be very clear on that.

Answer

The Irish JobBridge program does not include wage subsidies, it consists of work experience only. Accordingly, the results of the 2013 independent evaluation of JobBridge relate only to internships, and do not include the impact of wage subsidies.