

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

#### **Outcome 1 - Employment**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000367**

**Senator Lines provided in writing.**

#### **Question**

##### **jobactive outcomes payments**

1. How many job seekers have reached the 4 week outcome payment period and the 12 week payment period?
2. How much has been paid to jobactive providers in outcome payments, and how does this compare to the same period 12 months ago and compare to the Government's projection?
3. If NOT – why does the Department believe that is the case?

#### **Answer**

1. As at 20 October 2015, there have been 18,178 4 Week Outcome claims for 18,137 job seekers and 1,062 12 Week Outcomes for 1,062 job seekers.
2.
  - a) As at 30 September, \$6.918 million has been paid to jobactive providers in Outcome payments.
  - b) In the period between 1 July and 20 October 2015, jobactive providers claimed 18,178 4 Week Outcomes and 1,062 12 week outcomes. This is nearly double the number of 12 Week Outcome claims when compared to the 586 13 Week Outcome claims over the same period at the start of Job Services Australia (JSA).

Note: Comparison of expenditure from 2014–15 under JSA to expenditure in the first three months of jobactive is not easily able to be made. Under jobactive there were significant changes to the timing and frequency of outcome payments. Also, such comparison would be comparing jobactive to a fully mature JSA model; the comparison would not take into account that jobactive providers are only just beginning to receive 12 week outcome payments with 26 week outcome payments commencing in January 2016.

Early jobactive performance indicates that providers are performing better than forecast in achieving four week outcomes, which is broadly in line with labour market conditions.