

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000385

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Question

Tasmanian Jobs Programme - funding for commencements

1. Given the program was budgeted to create 2000, why do you think it hasn't reached this target?
2. Can you provide me with the amount of money paid out in total for Tasmanian Jobs Programme for placements/commencements?

Answer

1. The Tasmanian Jobs Programme was a trial programme designed to assist job seekers into employment by encouraging employers to hire a candidate they may not have otherwise selected. The take up rate of the Tasmanian Jobs Programme has been influenced by a number of factors which have included the economic conditions in Tasmania. The trial programme was invaluable and has influenced the design of the redeveloped wage subsidy pool which commenced on 1 July 2015. Key features of the redevelopment included more flexible payment structures, additional eligible groups of job seekers and pro-rata payments to employers where employment ends early.
2. As at 27 October 2015, \$254,091 has been paid to employers.