

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2012-2013**

**Outcome 3 - Employment**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0867\_13

**Senator Sinodinos provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Wage Subsidies**

Wage Subsidies 1. What has been the total amount paid out in wage subsidies to employers for JSA clients in the last financial year? 2. What proportion of this was Wage Connect subsidies? 3. What proportion was funded by the Employment Pathways Fund?

**Answer**

1. During 2011–12, the Department provided \$96.95 million for JSA clients for wage subsidies through Wage Connect, Connecting People with Jobs (wage subsidy component) and the Employment Pathway Fund.
2. During 2011–12, Wage Connect supported JSA job placements by providing 5.8% of the total subsidies paid during the period (\$5.6 million).
3. During 2011–12, the Employment Pathway Fund supported JSA job placements by providing 94.2 per cent of the total subsidies paid during the period (\$91.2 million).