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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.2 – New Apprenticeships

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Senator Wong asked on 2 November 2005, EWRE Hansard page 91.

Question:

With respect to the recovery of New Apprenticeships employer incentives payment, one of the basis on which such a recovery could be sought is in circumstances where employers were attempting to manipulate the system in order to maximise the payment of incentives. Can you give me some indication of what sort of numbers and amounts fall into that category?

Answer:

New Apprenticeships Employer Incentives Payments

In the 2004-05 financial year, \$539.2 million (GST inclusive) was paid in employer incentives under the New Apprenticeships Incentives Programme. Of the total incentives paid, only 0.06% or \$310,547 was recovered from employers. These overpayments were recovered for reasons including where an overpayment was identified as a result of a National Investigations Unit investigation.