

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 3 - Employment

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Senator Cameron provided in writing.

Question

Jobs and Training Australia

On 4 September 2013 the then Minister for Employment Services, announced reforms to employment services in Australia. These reforms included establishing a new system to be known as Jobs and Training Australia. 1. Will the new government be proceeding with these reforms? If so, what work has been undertaken and when will they be implemented? 2. Has the government sought advice from the Department regarding these reforms? 3. Has the Department been commissioned to provide any advice on these reforms? 4. What information has the Department provided to the Government on these reforms? 5. Has the Minister sought any advice from the Department regarding these reforms? 6. Has the Department given any advice to the Minister on these reforms? 7. What advice has the Department given the Minister regarding these reforms? 8. What consultation process has been undertaken in relation to these reforms, and with what organisations? 9. Has the government consulted with the community regarding proceeding, or not proceeding, with the proposed reform? 10. Has the government considered the impact on the community of the proposed reforms proceeding, or not proceeding, with the proposed reform? 11. How many jobs will be lost/not created if the proposed reforms do not proceed? 12. How many job seekers will not be placed in employment if the proposed reforms do not proceed?

Answer

1. The Government is considering options regarding Job Services Australia contracts from 1 July 2015 and announcements will be made in due course.

2 - 7. The Department provides advice to the Minister on a wide range of matters. Such advice is not made public in the interests of ensuring Ministers continue to seek and receive comprehensive advice on their portfolio responsibilities.

8 - 12. The Government will consider all relevant issues, including stakeholder views and labour market considerations, in developing its model for employment services