

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012–2013**

Outcome 3 – Employment

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Senator Nash provided in writing.

Question

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(1) What has the department identified as the assistance that will be provided job seekers under this program?

Answer

Eligible mature age participants will be provided with intensive job preparation and support services including:

- skills review and training (including help to achieve Recognition of Prior Learning)
- IT refresher or basics training
- career counselling
- financial planning information and support
- intensive job preparation (resume development, self-marketing, interview skills, presentation, job search techniques)
- motivational support (including help to understand/draw on the concepts of positive psychology such as resilience-building)
- help to organise caring arrangements where the job seeker has a caring role, and
- regular motivational alerts and contact following completion of the program.