Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Question

Re-establishment of Work for the Dole

1. Does the Government still intend to re-establish Work for the Dole? 2. If so, when will it start? 3. Will there be exceptions, such as where people are unable to work due to disability? 4. Will those who are actively seeking employment be treated differently from those who are not? 5. Are there any exceptions to the 6 month unemployed threshold?

Answer

1. The Government is committed to implementing its election commitment of making the Work for the Dole programme mandatory for the Long Term Unemployed aged under 50 years of age.

2-5. The Government is considering options for implementing this election commitment and an announcement will be made in due course.