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Question

Implementation and funding of Work for the Dole

1. How does the Government intend to implement this policy? 2. What is the cost of firstly establishing, then administering the policy? 3. Will existing programs have to be stripped back in order to fund this policy? 4. If so, which existing programs will be cut back? 5. If existing programs will not be stripped back to fund this policy, how will the Government fund this policy? 6. What is the cost of firstly establishing, then administering the policy?

Answer

The Government is considering options for implementing its election commitment to make Work for the Dole mandatory for the long term unemployed under 50 years of age and announcements will be made in due course.