Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Outcome 3 - Employment

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Senator Cameron provided in writing.

Question

Implementation of the Job Commitment Bonus and the Relocation Assistance to Take Up a Job election commitments.

1. Will the Coalition be undertaking these incentives now that they are in government? 2. If so, when will these incentives be implemented? 3. What consultation process has been undertaken in relation to these incentives, and with what organisations? 4. What items will be cut from the employment services budget to fund these incentives?

Answer

- 1. These incentives are election commitments. Implementation arrangements will be announced in due course.
- 2. The election commitment indicated that they will be implemented on 1 July 2014.
- 3. The Department will consult with relevant stakeholders when appropriate.
- 4. Funding for these commitments was outlined in the "Fiscal Budget Impact of Federal Coalition Policies" that was released prior to the election. There have been no cuts to employment services to fund these commitments.