

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

Public Hearing – 30 April 2020  
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

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**Senator:** Murray Watt

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**Question:**

Senator WATT: Can I get an answer to my question: have you been asked to do any work about extending jobseeker to this category?

Ms Campbell: I'd have to take that on notice, but I don't recall, no.

**Answer:**

The Department of Social Services regularly provides advice on a range of issues related to social security payments, such as Jobseeker, including policy options, payment rates and cohort analysis. The Government is closely monitoring the impact of the coronavirus outbreak.