

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 5-6 JUNE 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

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Question:

- a) Since 7 September how many major projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'?
- b) List each project or piece of work.
- c) List the staffing assigned to each task.
- d) What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project?
- e) What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?

Answer:

- a) – b) There are three projects underway which the department is required to fund within existing resources:
- the decommissioning costs relating to terminating Connection Interviews and Job Seeker Workshops;
 - the costs associated with restricting participation for volunteer job seekers to Job Services Australia; and
 - the cost of renaming the Clean Energy Supplement.
- c) – e)

	Staffing	Budgeted Total Salary Cost	Resources/Equipment
Connection Interviews and Job Seeker Workshops - cessation	6 ASL	\$534,000	Standard office equipment and stationary for relevant staff members. Local Area Network and mainframe development costs are included.

	Staffing	Budgeted Total Salary Cost	Resources/Equipment
Job Services Australia - restricting participation for Volunteer job seekers	2.6 ASL	\$252,000	Standard office equipment and stationary for relevant staff members. Media and communications materials to support the measure.
Renaming the Clean Energy Supplement	4.4 ASL	\$416,000	Standard office equipment and stationary for relevant staff members. Forms and factsheets redesign and production. Local Area Network and mainframe development costs.