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Topic: Employment Services 2015-2020 Purchasing Arrangements

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Senator Lines asked:

I note the following from the Exposure Draft for Employment Services 2015-2020 Purchasing Arrangements Questions and Answers, page 36: "Details of the types of gainful work that could reduce a waiting period will be included in a Legislative instrument to be brought forward by the Minister for Social Services. The details of this instrument have not been finalised".

- a. Why is it necessary to have a legislative instrument for defining the types of gainful work?
- b. What else will be included in this instrument?
- c. When does the Government plan to table this instrument?
- d. Will this instrument be confined to only defining types gainful work?

Answer:

The matters dealt with in the legislative instrument will be only those set out in section 1157AC subsection (3) of the *Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No.4) Bill 2014*.

The legislative instrument may allow, and provide a formula for, periods of gainful work to reduce the waiting period that applies under the *Stronger Participation Incentives for Under 30's* measure. Section 1157AC subsection (4) of the Bill sets out that **gainful work** means work for financial gain or reward (whether as an employee, a self-employed person or otherwise). Paragraph (3)(b) is required to enable the exclusion of unlawful work from this calculation.

The legislative instrument will be tabled following passage of the primary legislation.