

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

#### **Outcome 1 - Employment**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000122**

**Senator Siewert asked on 01 June 2015 on proof Hansard page 48**

#### **Question**

##### **Anticipated Work for the Dole numbers**

I will go to some of the specific initiatives and start with Work for the Dole. The figures that you articulated for the numbers that are anticipated, are they still the same figures that you gave in the spillover estimates in April? You do not need to go through them again if they are the same figures.

Mr Hehir: I must admit that I do not recall.

Senator SIEWERT: I was not able to be there on 10 April but I have read the Hansard. You did provide figures there. Are they still the same figures?

Mr Hehir: I will need to take that on notice

#### **Answer**

On 10 April 2015 the Department advised that in the first year around 120,000 job seekers were expected to commence in Work for the Dole.

The Department has updated this estimate based on revised Treasury unemployment forecasts for 2015–16 and current Job Services Australia provider caseloads. It is now estimated that around 150,000 job seekers may be required to commence in Work for the Dole in the first year.