

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

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

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

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000258**

**Senator Cameron asked on 1 June 2015 on proof Hansard page 42**

#### **Question**

##### **JSA Costing model**

Senator CAMERON: Can you provide details of this model that you have used to come up with these figures?

CHAIR: Is this something for the Department of Finance?

Senator CAMERON: No. Do not chase it away to Finance.

CHAIR: I am trying to be helpful.

Senator CAMERON: You are not helping. Do not try to chase it away to Finance. This department has to operate it. That is the bottom line. You are the ones that have to work it out, so you need to understand the model. Is that correct?

Ms Leon: I will have to take it on notice. It is a model that is developed between us and the Department of Finance. We may need to discuss with them how to manage that request.

Senator CAMERON: Why would you have to do that?

Ms Leon: It is a Department of Finance costing process in the budget papers. We can provide you in the broad with what we take into account.

Senator CAMERON: It is also a Department of Employment costing process, is it not?

Ms Leon: I can provide some additional information here.

Senator CAMERON: Just before we do that, Ms Leon, this is also a Department of Employment costing process, is it not?

Ms Leon: Yes. But Finance signs off on the costings.

Senator CAMERON: I do not care whether they sign off or not. What I am interested in is the model that you used to take to them for them to sign off. They sign off. They do not develop the model.

Ms Leon: We can provide you with some information about it, but to actually give you the model—if it exists on a piece of paper—we may have to take that on notice; I do not know if we have the model with us.

#### **Answer**

Please refer to page 43 of the Hansard from Budget Estimates on 1 June 2015 for the response to this question.