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Question

Ireland's internship program evaluation

Senator JOHNSTON: Are these subjective assessments or are they departmental evaluations of their own work?

Ms Jensen: In those cases, they are objective assessments.

Senator JOHNSTON: So a separate outside agency was retained to review how it was working?

Ms Jensen: That is correct. With the Irish internship evaluation, it was an independent evaluation by Intercon, a separate company. In the case of the United Kingdom, the evaluation was a peer reviewed analysis. Again, I could take this on notice, but it looks like there was a department evaluation but it was also peer reviewed to get that independent scrutiny of the evaluation.

Answer

The 2013 Evaluation of Ireland's JobBridge Scheme was an independent evaluation conducted by Indecon International Economic Consultants.

The 2012 Analysis of the United Kingdom's Work Programme was undertaken by the United Kingdom Department for Work and Pensions, and peer reviewed by the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (an independent research institute).