

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Senator Kakoschke-Moore provided in writing.

Question

Transition to Work - Gaps in coverage

- How does the Department plan to deal with gaps in the program's coverage in the future?

Answer

The Transition to Work service is an intensive pre-employment support service for young people. Decisions on coverage of the Transition to Work service considered locations with high levels of need (e.g. high youth unemployment rate, populations of early school leavers), availability of labour markets, and the demonstrated ability of respondents to the Request for Proposal to provide intensive pre-employment support to young people in selected locations.

Around 85 per cent of the eligible population are estimated to be in locations covered by Transition to Work. Young job seekers who live in a location that does not offer Transition to Work services are referred to jobactive services but they do have the option of volunteering to attend another location. At this time, there is no plan to extend coverage although this may be considered when Transition to Work contracts are reviewed at the end of the contract period (currently June 2020).