

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004254

Senator Marshall provided in writing.

Question

Career Transition Assistance Program

- Who was consulted in the development of this program? Can you provide their feedback?
- Is there a scheduled review for this program? When?
- Why wait until July 2018 to implement this program?

Answer

In developing the Career Transition Assistance Program, the Department drew upon feedback and evidence from a wide range of sources, including the Department's own Automotive Industry Structural Adjustment Programme, employer surveys, as well as submissions to and findings from the Australian Human Rights Commission's Willing to Work Inquiry. This feedback will continue to help the detailed development of the new program.

The Career Transition Assistance Program's evaluation strategy is yet to be finalised, the specific timing of a review is yet to be determined, however it will occur in advance of the program's July 2020 national rollout.

The commencement date of 1 July 2018 for the Career Transition Assistance Program will enable a smooth and effective implementation. The program's implementation involves substantial work, including selection of the five trial regions, specific consultation with stakeholders, procurement of service delivery, guidelines and IT changes.