

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004274

Senator Marshall provided in writing.

Question

Change in activity requirements- 30-49 year olds

Who was consulted on the change to move the activity requirements up from 30 to 50 hours for people 30-49 years old? What is the targeted outcome?

Answer

As part of the development of the policy to increase Annual Activity Requirements for job seekers aged 30 to 49, the Department of Employment consulted and worked with the Department of Human Services and the Department of Social Services. Other Australian Government departments were also consulted as part of the usual Cabinet Submission circulation and agreement process.

Due to the Cabinet-in-Confidence nature of Budget proposals, stakeholders external to the Australian Government were not consulted about the proposal.

The targeted outcome is to move people from welfare into work by increasing the time they spend on activities that help them find work.