

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 1 - Employment

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Question

Employment services model - under 30s

It is clear from the Release for Tender that job seekers subject to the Government's under 30 changes to Newstart will still be required to attend appointments with their employment services providers during periods of 'nil rate of Newstart', is this correct? - What additional support will providers and/or the Government be providing to those job seekers under 30 years of age who are serving the 6 month waiting period before becoming eligible for Newstart?

Answer

Yes. As outlined in the Request for Tender for Employment Services 2015-2020, job seekers included in the Under 30s measure will be required to meet with their employment services provider at least once a month during income support waiting periods.

In addition, job seekers will be assisted to prepare a resume, supported in their job search activity, advised on employment opportunities in the local area and informed on what training is available to gain skills for those jobs. Job seekers will also have access to programmes such as Work for the Dole and language literacy and numeracy training that will support them in preparing for work.

As part of this measure, employers will be able to receive a wage subsidy of \$6,500 when employing a young job seeker who has been unemployed for 12 months or more. The wage subsidy, which is approximately equivalent to six months of income support, will be available to employers to hire, train and retain young job seekers. Job seekers will also be entitled to assistance to help them to relocate to take up a job of up to \$9,000.