

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EM1616_15

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Question

Work for the Dole - funding

- a) What area has had spending cut in order to realise the Government's election commitment for mandatory Work for the Dole?
- b) Has the funding for Work for the Dole come from JSA funding?
- c) Have other employment services programs be cut or scaled back to fund Work for the Dole?
- d) If so, which programmes have been scaled back/cut?
- e) What consultations with the Department, other agencies and stakeholders have taken place regarding the cutting/scaling back of these other programmes?

Answer

- a-e) Funding for the Work for the Dole programme to operate from 1 July 2015 is included as part of the \$5.1 billion overall funding (over the forward estimates to 2017-18) for Employment Services 2015. The new model is not directly comparable with the Job Services Australia model and therefore funding cannot be compared.

Funding for Work for the Dole for 2014-15 was announced in the 2014-15 Budget and is included in the overall Job Services Australia funding. This measure was included in the Employment Portfolio Budget Statements 2014-15.