

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EM1621_15

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Question

Success of employment services arrangements

Q1. Is it correct that Jobs Services Australia programmes were more successful than former Employment Services arrangements under the Howard Government, including Work for the Dole?

Q2. Has the Department provided advice to the Minister to the effect that Work for the Dole is not as successful as other Employment Services arrangements, including those of the previous Labor Government?

Q3. Has the Department provided advice as to the success of Work for the Dole? If so, is that advice available publicly?

Answer

Q1. No. Compared with the former Job Network, Job Services Australia recorded lower employment outcomes for all job seekers except highly disadvantaged job seekers (Stream 4 equivalent). Work for the Dole as a complementary programme to the former Job Network cannot be compared with Work for the Dole in the Work Experience Phase of Job Services Australia. In addition, employment outcomes reflect not only programme effectiveness but also labour market factors.

Q2. Details of briefings provided to the Minister are not made publicly available in order to maintain the confidentiality and effectiveness of the advice.

Q3. Details of briefings provided to the Minister are not made publicly available in order to maintain the confidentiality and effectiveness of the advice.