

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EM1633_15

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Question

Relocation assistance to take up a job - consultation

What research/analysis/consultation was done prior to introducing this relocation subsidy? Did that research/analysis/consultation conclude that a higher rate of payment than what was then currently on offer (being \$4,500 or \$6,500 with dependents) would be more successful at getting people into work?

Answer

The Relocation Assistance to Take Up a Job programme was part of the Government's election commitment to 'Increase Employment Participation'. Job seekers will be eligible for up to \$6,000 if they relocate to a regional area or up to \$3,000 if they relocate to a capital city to take up a job. Families with dependent children may be eligible for up to an extra \$3,000 for a total of up to \$9,000 of assistance.

Prior to implementation, the Department undertook consultations with employment services providers.