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PDR No	QoN No	Senator	Hansard Sequence No	Outcome	Subject	Question Text
SQ14-003075	EM1609_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Cross Portfolio	Discretionary Grants	Please provide for all discretionary grants programs within the portfolio: a) The name of the discretionary grant program; b) How much funding is allocated for the program in total; c) How much funding for the program has been committed; d) How much funding for the program has been contracted; and e) How much funding for the program is uncommitted
SQ14-003076	EM1610_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Job Services Australia caseload breakdown	The Release for Tender states that as at 30 June 2014 there were 809,000 Job Seekers on the Job Services Australia caseload and based on the current profile of Job Seeker characteristics it is anticipated that at start of the Employment Services 2015 model, approximately 55 per cent of Job Seekers will be in Stream A, 28 per cent in Stream B and 17 per cent in Stream C. - Are those figures still correct? - As at 30 June 2014, how many of the 809,000 job seekers were in each of the current streams - Stream 1, Stream 2, Stream 3, and Stream 4? - What is the breakdown of this state by state?
SQ14-003077	EM1611_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Classification of Job Seekers	The Release for Tender states that for Stream A there must be a reasonable jobs market. - Does that mean that in states which cannot be seen to have a reasonable jobs market, there won't be any job seekers classified in Stream A? Does the Government agree that as a result of more job seekers being confined within fewer streams, there will be vulnerable job seekers with numerous barriers to employment, wrongly classified as Stream A? In the current system, providers spend a great deal of their time attempting to get job seekers re-assessed because many are more vulnerable, with more barriers to employment, than what is first identified in initial assessment. - How has the Government addressed this issue?
SQ14-003078	EM1612_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Changes to employment regions	Under the new model, the employment regions will be different than the current regions used. - Why has the Government decided to use these new regions? - Are the new regions larger in geographical area than the areas used under current arrangements? - Does this then mean that providers will be expected to service larger areas, and therefore customers, than they do currently? - Given that providers are already dealing with a large number of job seekers, will services suffer as a result of providers being forced to take on more job seekers?
SQ14-003079	EM1613_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	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 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?
SQ14-003081	EM1614_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Work for the Dole - funding	The Government pledged to invest new funding of \$14.9 million over two years to support the initial expansion of Work for the Dole, however the 2014-15 Budget only provides the full year figures 2014-15. - Why are the figures for 2015-16 not listed? - What is the funding amount for 2015-16?
SQ14-003082	EM1615_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Work for the Dole - advice to Minister	Has the Department provided advice to the Minister on the best way to implement mandatory Work for the Dole?
SQ14-003083	EM1616_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Work for the Dole - funding	What area has had spending cut in order to realise the Government's election commitment for mandatory Work for the Dole? - Has the funding for Work for the Dole come from JSA funding? - Have other employment services programs be cut or scaled back to fund Work for the Dole? - If so, which programmes have been scaled back/cut? - What consultations with the Department, other agencies and stakeholders have taken place regarding the cutting/scaling back of these other programmes?
SQ14-003084	EM1617_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Work for the Dole - 18 sites	On 28 May 2014 the Government announced the areas in which the 18 Work for the Dole sites would be established as part of the phasing in of the Government's expanded Work for the Dole scheme - Has Work for the dole now commenced in all of these 18 sites? - How many participants are there currently in each site - site by site? - Can the Committee please be provided with a breakdown by Stream and age?
SQ14-003086	EM1618_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Work for the Dole - funding for coordinators	As part of the 2014-15 Budget, the Government has provided \$14.9 million over 2 years for Work for the Dole, including funding for Work for the Dole Coordinators. - How has the \$14.9 million be allocated? - Do the 18 Work for the Dole sites share equally in the \$14.9 million?
SQ14-003087	EM1619_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	WHS plans for Work for the Dole sites	Can the Department provide to the committee the workplace health and safety plans for each individual Work for the Dole site? The 2014-15 budget provides that job seekers will have to do 25 hours of work for the Dole activities per week in order to receive newstart payments (15 hours per week in the trial sites). - Are there any exceptions to this requirement? - Will job seekers who can show that they are actively seeking work be excluded? - Will job seekers with disability be excluded? o If not, if so what arrangements will be made for the inherent restrictions on work that a person in receipt of a Disability Support Pension has? - Will job seekers be excused from Work for Dole participation requirements on any given day where they may have other job seeker commitments such as interviews? - What happens if a job seeker is unwell/otherwise prevented from completing the required hours per week? - If a job seeker is sick or otherwise prevented from completing the required number hours per week, will they have to make up the missed hours? o If so, how will the missed hours be made up, will job seekers have to do additional hours over the course of a number of weeks? If so, over how many weeks? - Are there any exceptions to the plan to dock the fortnightly income support of Work for the Dole job seekers by 10% for every day they fail to show up for their Work for the Dole requirements?
SQ14-003088	EM1620_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Work for the Dole - participation requirements	The 2014-15 budget provides that job seekers will have to do 25 hours of work for the Dole activities per week in order to receive newstart payments (15 hours per week in the trial sites). - Are there any exceptions to this requirement? - Will job seekers who can show that they are actively seeking work be excluded? - Will job seekers with disability be excluded? o If not, if so what arrangements will be made for the inherent restrictions on work that a person in receipt of a Disability Support Pension has? - Will job seekers be excused from Work for Dole participation requirements on any given day where they may have other job seeker commitments such as interviews? - What happens if a job seeker is unwell/otherwise prevented from completing the required hours per week? - If a job seeker is sick or otherwise prevented from completing the required number hours per week, will they have to make up the missed hours? o If so, how will the missed hours be made up, will job seekers have to do additional hours over the course of a number of weeks? If so, over how many weeks? - Are there any exceptions to the plan to dock the fortnightly income support of Work for the Dole job seekers by 10% for every day they fail to show up for their Work for the Dole requirements?

SQ14-003089	EM1621_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Success of employment services arrangements	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? - 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? - Has the Department provided advice as to the success of Work for the Dole? o If so, is that advice available publicly?
SQ14-003090	EM1622_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Work for the Dole leading to full-time employment	Given that statistics suggest that only 35% of people who participate in Work for the Dole actually go on to obtain paid full-time employment, has the Government addressed this low figure with the Department <u>laid down plans to improve such?</u>
SQ14-003091	EM1623_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Work for the Dole - eligibility	When can an unemployed person enrol in the Work for the Dole program? - Do they have to wait until they have been unemployed for six months to enrol? - Can unemployed people under 30 receive Newstart earlier than the six month waiting period if they enrol early? <u>- Can participants continue the Work for the Dole program after they have completed six months - that is after 12 months of unemployment?</u>
SQ14-003092	EM1624_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Local Employment Coordinators	Why did the Government provide funding for Geelong to retain its LEC for a year longer than all other areas, including some areas with higher unemployment than the Geelong area? How was Geelong prioritised as the site most in need of the coordinator. How long is the coordinator employed for? <u>Where did this funding come from?</u>
SQ14-003093	EM1625_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Restart - analysis	What analysis was done that showed this subsidy would be successful? What contact did the Government have with business groups and peak industry bodies before deciding on this policy? What, if any, business groups and/or peak industry bodies requested this subsidy? <u>What feedback has the Government/Department received from providers, employers, employees and other stakeholders in relation to this program?</u>
SQ14-003094	EM1626_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Restart - number of job seekers benefitted	The Government has claimed this subsidy will benefit 32,000 job seekers annually - How many job seekers has the subsidy benefitted to date? - Can the Committee be provided with a breakdown of these by state, by age, and by Stream? <u>- How many employers does the Government expect to be paying out the subsidy to in this financial year?</u>
SQ14-003095	EM1627_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Tasmanian Jobs Programme - Take up	The Committee notes that that the trial is for 2000 placements over the two year trial - can you please advise what the current rate of placements is? - How many employers have received the subsidy to date? Does the Department believe that the program will achieve the 2000 placements in 2 years? <u>Can the Department advise how many of the 2000 placements available are realistically expected to be filled?</u>
SQ14-003096	EM1628_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Tasmanian Jobs Programme - promotion	I understand Senator Abetz wrote a letter to Tasmanian small businesses regarding the Jobs Package, can you advise what other measures have been undertaken in order to promote the subsidy? - How much money has been spent on advertising this subsidy and over what period? <u>- How much money has been spent to date on paying out this subsidy to eligible employers?</u>
SQ14-003097	EM1629_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Tasmanian Jobs Programme - Job creation	Does the Department believe this subsidy has created new employment positions? <u>If it is claimed that the subsidy has created new jobs, how has this been ascertained?</u> Given the slow take up rate to date, is the program likely to be expanded to other areas?
SQ14-003098	EM1630_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Tasmanian Jobs Programme - possible expansion	- If so, which areas will the program be expanded to? - When will the program in these areas commence? - How much funding over how many years will be available in these areas? <u>- How many placements will be available in these areas?</u>
SQ14-003099	EM1631_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Wage Connect	The Request for Tender for Employment Services 2015-2020 does not mention the Wage Connect subsidy although it did list other wage subsidies payable to both employers and employees. - Has the Government cut the Wage Connect subsidy permanently? o If yes - Why - given it was so popular it always reached its budgeted placements? What consultations/analysis was undertaken before making the decision to cut Wage Connect? Where will the funding saved from cutting Wage Connect be redistributed to? Is the Government planning to cut other wage subsidy programs? If so, which ones? <u>o If no - Why is Wage Connect not mentioned in the Request for Tender document?</u> To date, how many job seekers are currently on track to receive this payment?
SQ14-003100	EM1632_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Job Commitment Bonus	- Can the Committee be provided with a breakdown by state? How many people in the current employment services program could be eligible for this payment? Is it correct that to be deemed to be eligible to receive this payment at 12 and 24 months, job seekers will need to maintain their Centrelink log in? - Doesn't this go against the eligibility criteria which requires job seekers be off income support for a continuous 12 and then 24 month period? <u>- How will job seekers be able to remember and maintain their Centrelink log ins for this extended period of time?</u>
SQ14-003101	EM1633_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	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
SQ14-003102	EM1634_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Relocation assistance to take up a job - targets	To date, how many job seekers are currently on track to receive this payment? - Can the Committee be provided with a breakdown by state? <u>What targets does the Government have in place? Is 145 since July 1 on target? If not, why not?</u>
SQ14-003103	EM1635_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	New Enterprise Incentive Scheme	Why has the Government decided to cut NEIS payments from 12 months to 9? - What analysis was done prior to making this decision? - What consultation did the Government/Department carry out before making this decision? <u>- What feedback has the the Department received in relation to cutting back this program?</u>
SQ14-003104	EM1636_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Youth Wage Subsidy	When will this subsidy be introduced? What research/analysis/consultation was done prior to deciding on this subsidy? What does the Government expect will be number of eligible job seekers receiving the subsidy over the 5 years of the contracts? <u>How much is the subsidy expected to cost over the five years?</u>
SQ14-003105	EM1637_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Long Term Unemployed Wage Subsidy	When will this subsidy be introduced? What research/analysis/consultation was done prior to deciding on this subsidy? What does the Government expect will be number of eligible job seekers receiving the subsidy over the 5 years of the contracts? <u>How much is the subsidy expected to cost over the five years?</u>

SQ14-003106	EM1638_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy	Fair Entitlements Guarantee payments	How many people have received a FEG payment this from its inception until now? - Of those recipients, what is the dollar figure is received? - Can the Department please provide the Committee a number and dollar break down by state, territory and electorate? - Can the Department provide the age of the recipients?
SQ14-003107	EM1639_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy	Fair Entitlements Guarantee proposed changes	What consultation has the Department undertaken before the Government proposed changes to the FEG scheme? What has been the reaction of stakeholders to the proposed changes?
SQ14-003108	EM1640_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy	Fair Entitlements Guarantee proposed changes	Is the Department aware of concerns that the changes to the FEG may act as an incentive for vulnerable automotive component manufacturers to close their doors early, while their employees remain covered by current FEG arrangements? Let me put this to you, if particular automotive component manufacturers close early, this may deprive car makers of key components for the assembly of their vehicles, making continued production of specific models no longer possible. With a 'knock-on effect' this in turn may precipitate the early closure of production at Ford, Toyota or Holden, which will in turn precipitate the early closure of further automotive component manufacturers that supply other car makers. In this way, the closure of two or three small automotive component manufacturers may spark the mass closure of automotive manufacturing in a short period of time. This could cause major economic dislocation as car makers and their employees cannot complete their planned, orderly wind down of operations and component makers lose the opportunity to diversify their businesses.
SQ14-003109	EM1641_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy	Fair Entitlements Guarantee Insolvency practitioner reports	Is this information considered by the Department? This information is provided by practitioners received by ASIC pursuant to regulatory Guide 20 for the last 4 financial years, and the years during which the Department of Employment's Active Creator Program was in place: (a) How many of the practitioner reports recommended that misconduct be investigated by ASIC? (b) Of those reports where the practitioner recommended the investigation of misconduct, how many related to companies which had employees who had sought payment from the General Employee Entitlements & Redundancy Scheme or the Fair Entitlements Guarantee in connection with that insolvency? (c) How much was paid from the General Employee Entitlements & Redundancy Scheme or the Fair Entitlements Guarantee to employees of each of the companies in (b) above (d) How many of those companies were then: (i) investigated by ASIC; and (ii) subject to enforcement action by ASIC (e) How much money was recovered back to the General Employee Entitlements & Redundancy Scheme or the Fair Entitlements Guarantee in matters in where enforcement action was pursued in relation to e
SQ14-003110	EM1642_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy	Appellate jurisdiction to the Fair Work Commission	Is this idea still being considered by the Department? What progress has been made since submissions were received? Can the Department give details of; - The structure of the body? - The parameters of the body? - The cost to establish the body? - How the establishment of the body would affect the appellate jurisdiction of the Federal Court of Australia? - When the terms of reference will be released? - Who is being considered as president? Would this displace the current Full Bench of the Commission?
SQ14-003111	EM1643_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy	Mr Fluffy	Can the Department update the Committee as to where negotiations between the Commonwealth and ACT Governments are at in relation to Mr Fluffy? If we assume the meeting between Minister Abetz and the Chief Minister was productive, and there's no reason to doubt that, can the Department or the Minister update the Committee with what actions have been taken since the meeting in July? Has the Commonwealth made a determination if it will provide a financial contribution? If so, how much? If not, why not? Obviously affected residents are keen for a resolution - can the Minister update the Committee when some form of resolution is likely?
SQ14-003112	EM1644_15	Lines, Sue	Written	Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy	Wunderlich factory in Sunshine North - reports of asbestos	There have been recent media reports about asbestos contamination of the Wendouree suburb Sunshine North around a former asbestos factory. The Sunday Herald Sun reported on Sunday October 14: "At least 16 people who grew up within 1km of the plant - none of whom worked there - have died of asbestos-related diseases, the latest on Thursday. Another eight are known to be sick." Is the Department aware of these concerns about the asbestos levels around the Wunderlich factory in Sunshine North? When did the Department become aware of this issue? Is the Department involved in any response to these concerns? If so, what have you done to date in relation to this matter? Has the Department dedicated any specific resources towards addressing this issue? If not, why not?
SQ14-003165	EM1645_15	Siewert, Rachel	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Outcomes from employment programs	Have there been any communications with the relevant Victorian Department? 1. Please update Department of Employment Question No. EM0872_15. 2. Please update EW0773_12.
SQ14-003166	EM1646_15	Siewert, Rachel	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Wage Subsidies and Employment Outcomes	"1. Please provide the latest data on the employment outcomes from the Government's wage subsidies program. 2. What proportion and how many people accessing a wage subsidy were still in employment at three months and at six months? How many and what proportion are long term or very long-term unemployed? 3. Provide details of the outcomes of the Tasmanian wage subsidy scheme for mature age job seekers, eg. the number of participants, the number in employment after 12 and 26 weeks of taking part in the program. 4. How does this compare to outcomes for WFTD schemes for people in Tasmania? Compare outcomes for Work for the Dole programs in Tasmania? "
SQ14-003167	EM1647_15	Siewert, Rachel	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Work for The Dole Employment Outcomes	Please provide the latest data on the employment outcomes from WFTD. What proportion and how many people accessing WFTD were still in employment at three months and at six months? How many and what proportion are long term or very long-term unemployed people?

SQ14-003168	EM1648_15	Siewert, Rachel	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Duration of unemployment and Job Services Streams	<p>Provide a breakdown of duration of unemployment by aged:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15-20; • 21-24; • 25-54, and • 55 years plus. <p>by of Streams 1 (Limited) and Streams 1-4, and in total, of job seekers unemployed for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • less than 12 months; • 12 months to less than 24 months, • 24 to less than 36 months; • 26 months to less than 60 months, and • over 60 months."
SQ14-003170	EM1649_15	Siewert, Rachel	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Activity Test Exemptions	Please update Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, Questions on Notice, Budget Estimates, 2013-2014, DEEWR Question No. EW0147_14
SQ14-003171	EM1650_15	Siewert, Rachel	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Activity Test Exemptions - Youth Allowance	Please update Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, Questions on Notice, Budget Estimates, 2013-2014, DEEWR Question No. EW0150_14.
SQ14-003172	EM1651_15	Siewert, Rachel	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Activity Test Exemptions - Newstart/Parenting Payment	For Parenting Payment (Single and Partnered), update EW0149_14, Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, QON, Budget Estimates 2013-14
SQ14-003173	EM1652_15	Siewert, Rachel	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Activity Test Exemptions	Update EW0317_12
SQ14-003174	EM1653_15	Siewert, Rachel	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Activity Test Exemptions - duration	Update EW0227_13
SQ14-003176	EM1654_15	Siewert, Rachel	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Activity Test Exemptions - Indigenous/non-Indigenous	Update EW0546_13, Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-13, showing number and percentages. How many exemptions are longer than six months?
SQ14-003177	EM1655_15	Siewert, Rachel	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Job Services Australia caseload	"1. What was the total caseload for the JSA in 2013-14? How many DSP recipients are in the JSA caseload during 2013-14 and currently? How many DSP recipients had 13 or 26 week outcomes? 2. How many NSA (partial capacity recipients) were in the JSA caseload 2013-14? 3. How many NSA (principal carer recipients) were in the JSA caseload during 2013-14?"
SQ14-003178	EM1656_15	Siewert, Rachel	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Job Seeker Compliance	How many job seekers have had a 12 week non-payment penalty imposed in each of the last two years? For 2013-14, provide:
SQ14-003179	EM1657_15	Siewert, Rachel	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Job Seeker Compliance data	1. A breakdown of smaller financial penalties and eight week no payment penalties imposed on job seekers by Centrelink 'vulnerability indicator' vulnerability indicator, ie. mental illness, homelessness, recent from prison, limited numeracy, etc. 2. eight week no payment periods and smaller financial penalties by Centrelink area 3. eight week no payment periods and smatter financial penalties by state and territory 4. a breakdown of compliance-related appeals at all levels with appeal outcomes and broken down by Indigenous/non-Indigenous status
SQ14-003180	EM1658_15	Siewert, Rachel	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Job Seeker Compliance data	Update DEEWR Question EW1057_12 for 2013-14
SQ14-003181	EM1659_15	Siewert, Rachel	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Job Seeker Compliance data	"1. How many eight week and smaller financial penalties were actually served by job seekers, in 2013-14? 2. How many eight week and smaller financial penalties were actually served by non-Indigenous job seekers, in 2013-14? 3. How many eight week and smaller financial penalties were actually served by Indigenous job seekers, in 2013-14?"
SQ14-003182	EM1660_15	Siewert, Rachel	Written	Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy	Wages for charities	"Major cost for charities is wages, and many employees are paid at quite low levels in the NFP sector. The issue for many charities becomes that over the term of a contract, cost saving have to be made so that employees can be paid fair and just wages. This often results in less services, the retrenchment of staff or staff being paid the bare minimum and sometimes having to effectively work more for less. In 2008 the WA Government introduced an indexation policy that works well - based on CPI and wage indexation and sets an annual composite indexation rate. Is the Govt. looking to standardise the indexation across agencies in a similar ways?"
SQ14-003184	EM1661_15	Siewert, Rachel	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Employment barriers	Please update EW1045_12 (Employment barriers)
SQ14-003188	EM1662_15	Siewert, Rachel	Written	Cross Portfolio	National Aged Care Advocacy Program	1. Why was the National Aged Care Advocacy Program (NACAP) not included in the Equal Remuneration Order funding handed down in December 2012? 2. Will the National Aged Care Advocacy Program (NACAP) receive this funding?
SQ14-003061	EM1663_15	Siewert, Rachel	Written	Outcome 1 - Employment	Centrelink Vulnerability Indicators	Provide a breakdown of the number and payment type of current Centrelink customers with known vulnerability indicators (indicating where multiple indicators are present).
SQ14-003062	EM1664_15	Lines, Sue	2-4-2	Outcome 1 - Employment	Independent oversight of employment services model	Senator LINES: Sure. I have a series of questions around that, so let me know when you have it but I will move to the next question. Will the new model for employment services have independent, national oversight a role similar to that suggested by the previous government? Mr Jalayer: No, it will not. Senator LINES: No independent oversight? Mr Jalayer: No. Whatever was proposed - Senator LINES: Why did the government decide against this role? Mr Jalayer: That would be government policy. Senator LINES: Senator Cash? Senator Cash: I would need to take that on notice. Perhaps when Senator Abbott gets here you can ask again.
SQ14-003063	EM1665_15	Lines, Sue	2-6-2	Outcome 1 - Employment	Academic research regarding employment services model	Senator LINES: Was the 40 per month based on evidence from other countries or analysis or research? Ms Leon: Australia has a fairly unique job services system which most other countries come here to learn from us about. It was more looking at the current regime and seeking to increase the activation from work at the time, applicable to job seekers under the old model. Senator LINES: So no academic research? Ms Leon: I would have to take that on notice. I am not sure that it was an academic question. It is more a practical question about what works and what had not worked in the old model
SQ14-003064	EM1666_15	Siewert, Rachel	2-8-2	Outcome 1 - Employment	Employment barriers for job seekers	Senator SIEWERT: Thank you. Do you keep track of the main employment barriers for job seekers? Ms Drayton: We do, through the JSCI and through the employment service assessment tool, keep statistics on what the main barriers that job seekers identify through those processes are. Senator SIEWERT: Can you tell me what the current-I will ask for a more extensive list, but for the time being, the top 5 for streams 1, 2, 3 and 4? Ms Drayton: I can; I just have to get another folder, if that is all right. I have with me streams 1 and 2, and I will take 3 and 4 on notice, if that is all right. Senator SIEWERT: Okay.

SQ14-003065	EM1667_15	Siewert, Rachel	2-8-3	Outcome 1 - Employment	Percentage of job seekers undertaking an ESAT	<p>Mr Hehir: Just to clarify, the subset of I am not quite sure what percentage of stream one or two actually have an ESAT, but the figures, or the barriers to employment, that Ms Drayton read out were from a subset of those identified as having an additional, or additional issues.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: This is once they are referred to their JSA, they are then referred on to the sorry, the Centrelink-</p> <p>Ms Drayton: No, Senator, they have their original job seeker classification instrument and that triggers a further assessment, the ESAT, and these are the results of the top ten barriers from the ESATs. So it is a subset of those.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: What percentage?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: So we have had about a 50 per cent success rate.</p>
SQ14-003066	EM1668_15	Siewert, Rachel	2-10-2	Outcome 1 - Employment	Employment Pathway Fund outcomes	<p>Ms Drayton: It actually works out to be a 65 per cent conversion rate to 26-week outcomes, and that is the Employment Pathway Fund.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: How does that work when there are 14,000 of 29,000?</p> <p>Ms Drayton: It is of those people that were placed in the job and were tracking towards an outcome. I might just get somebody to exactly explain that to you because it is quite a specific calculation. Do you want to know or do you want me to keep going through?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you take that one on notice? I am still struggling. Are you suggesting that some of those 13-week outcomes may convert into 26-week outcomes? Is that the bottom line?</p> <p>Ms Drayton: I will put the actual calculation on notice?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: That would be appreciated.</p>
SQ14-003067	EM1669_15	Siewert, Rachel	2-10-3	Outcome 1 - Employment	Job services provider transfer	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you tell me how many job seekers have asked for a change or provider due to irreconcilable relationship breakdown? How many requests and how many were granted?</p> <p>Mr Hehir: I think from our customer service line there were about 14,000 requests in the last financial year.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: And how many were granted?</p> <p>Mr Parsons: I do not have the precise figure, but generally when the job seeker or, indeed, the employment service provider make a compelling case to the department the transfer is facilitated. I will have to take notice how many of those actually did result in transfer.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Okay. In the past, as I understood questions that were asked before, not everyone's requests had been granted.</p> <p>Mr Parsons: Correct.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: That is what I am asking for now: how many of those had been granted.</p> <p>Mr Parsons: Yes. I do not have that figure with me but I can try to get it for you on notice.</p>
SQ14-003068	EM1670_15	Lines, Sue	2-14-2	Outcome 1 - Employment	Non-compliance periods under new employment services model	<p>Senator LINES: If the legislation goes through, can people under 30, who have a nil benefit period of six months and fail to undertake certain tasks in that period, be penalised further? Are you saying that those penalties will be administered by the Department of Social Services, and not your department?</p> <p>Ms Leon: We may have to take the specifics of your question on notice. Obviously, we do not have the legislation with us, but, as I understand it, for each failure to comply there is a maximum of four weeks' additional waiting period. I am not aware whether there is a maximum number of non-compliance periods that can be imposed. We will have to take that on notice for you.</p> <p>Mr Hehir: But we won't be administering it.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you take on notice how many participants in each of the 18 regions there are, please?</p>
SQ14-003069	EM1671_15	Siewert, Rachel	2-17-2	Outcome 1 - Employment	Number of job seekers in the 18 priority regions	<p>Mr Parsons: Yes, I can.</p> <p>CHAIR: If you have got them there, Mr Parsons-have you got them here?</p> <p>Mr Parsons: I do, yes.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Instead of going through the 18, if you have it as a document, could you table the document?</p> <p>Mr Parsons: I have activities and I have places, but I actually do not have job seekers. I have the activities but not the job seekers. I will have to provide that.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Okay, thank you.</p>
SQ14-003070	EM1672_15	Lines, Sue	2-18-2	Outcome 1 - Employment	Funding for Work for the Dole activities	<p>Senator LINES: Do the funding amounts include the work for the Dole component of the employment services contract?</p> <p>Ms Leon: Yes. That is in that \$5.1 billion.</p> <p>Senator LINES: So how much is that?</p> <p>Mr Hehir: There are the two components: the Work for the Dole coordinators and the Work for the Dole component.</p> <p>Senator LINES: Just the Work for the Dole component. I think we asked you about the coordinators before.</p> <p>Mr Jalayer: Work for the Dole coordinators is \$162 million over three years.</p> <p>Senator LINES: So the rest of Work for the Dole? Or are you giving me the breakdown?</p> <p>Mr Jalayer: Work for the Dole activities is \$736 million.</p> <p>Senator LINES: Can you break those down into yearly figures for the next three years?</p> <p>Ms Leon: On notice, Senator.</p> <p>Senator LINES: Okay.</p>
SQ14-003071	EM1673_15	Lines, Sue	2-18-3	Outcome 1 - Employment	Breakdown of participants in 18 priority areas	<p>Senator LINES: I am not sure if Senator Siewert asked this but, if she did, just say so. How many participants are there currently in each site?</p> <p>Mr Parsons: She did ask by site, and I said I have the places but I do not have with me the participants.</p> <p>Senator LINES: You took that on notice, I think.</p> <p>Mr Parsons: Yes.</p> <p>Senator LINES: So can we get that breakdown done by stream and by age? Is that what Senator Siewert asked?</p> <p>Mr Parsons: No, she did not go that far.</p> <p>Senator LINES: So could we get that breakdown as well, please?</p> <p>Mr Parsons: We will try.</p>

SQ14-003072	EM1674_15	Lines, Sue	2-19-2	Outcome 1 - Employment	Expected number of Work for the Dole participants	<p>Senator LINES: How many participants is the government expecting to be required to complete mandatory work for the Dole when the extended program is fully rolled out?</p> <p>Mr Jalayer: We have projected 150,000 places in the first year.</p> <p>Senator LINES: That is in your tender estimate, I think.</p> <p>Mr Jalayer: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator LINES: You are still sticking to that?</p> <p>Mr Jalayer: Yes.</p> <p>Senator LINES: What is the expected breakdown by the new streams?</p> <p>Mr Jalayer: We can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LINES: The expected breakdown state by state?</p> <p>Mr Jalayer: Again, we will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LINES: And the breakdown by age?</p> <p>Mr Jalayer: Yes, we will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LINES: How many participants are you expecting on the first day of the commencement of the program next year on 1 July?</p> <p>Mr Parsons: I have the figures for places, I think-14,000 places in the first month rings a bell. Please bear with me, I will try to find that. For the month of July 2015, 14,000 places required. These are estimates of course, places are different to participants.</p> <p>Senator LINES: Yes. You do not have a participants' figure; you have a places' figure?</p> <p>Mr Parsons: Yes.</p> <p>Senator LINES: Again, how many participants do you expect will have a Work for the Dole obligation on 1 July 2016?</p>
SQ14-003073	EM1675_15	Lines, Sue	2-22-2	Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy	Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal report	<p>Senator LINES: Has the report been provided to any other departments or ministers?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: We will take that on notice because usually there are government consultations that take place. One, just hypothetically, might imagine that the minister for transport might have some interest as to how the government</p>