

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 1 - Employment

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Question

Appropriate payment and conditions for job seekers

Are you aware of any issues where Employment Service Providers have referred job seekers to employers who have not paid workers appropriately, or not provided appropriate conditions for work? If yes, what has been the government's response such issues. If not, why would the government's role be in dealing with such matters?

Answer

- Under clause 91 of the Jobactive Deed 2015–2020, jobactive providers are required to refer job seekers to suitable vacancies, which must all satisfy the minimum wage and other legal requirements.
- Where concerns are raised with the Department that relate to employment conditions, including incorrect wage payment, the Department refers job seekers to an appropriate governance body, such as the Fair Work Ombudsman.