

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

#### **Outcome 1 - Employment**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000416**

**Senator Siewert provided in writing.**

#### **Question**

##### **jobactive and Work for the Dole evaluation strategy**

What is the evaluation strategy for jobactive and Work for the Dole?

• What data will be collected to assess their effectiveness in improving people's employment prospects, and when will this be collected and published?

#### **Answer**

- The Department of Employment has developed an evaluation strategy for jobactive that includes the Work for the Dole Phase. The evaluation of jobactive will be conducted by the Department and will assess the programme's performance within the labour market and broader economic and demographic contexts.
- The evaluation will examine how jobactive meets its objectives at an overall programme level for different job seeker subpopulations, such as Indigenous job seekers, job seekers under 30 years of age, long term unemployed and mature age job seekers (50 years old and over).
- The evaluation will also examine the performance of core programme elements, such as Annual Activity Requirements, with a focus on the Work for the Dole Phase; employer servicing and reducing red tape.
- Data for the evaluation, including baseline data, will come from the Department's existing data collections. These data will be collected over the duration of the jobactive programme.
- The evaluation is expected to deliver three reports: an Interim Evaluation Report due December 2016; a Meeting Employer Needs Report due March 2018; and a Final Evaluation Report due July 2019.