

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome 1 - Employment

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Question

Work for the Dole cost per job seeker

Senator CAMERON: Yes. So when you spend about \$28,244 for every person to get them a job, that is a very expensive way to try and deal with it, isn't it?

Ms Leon: I think if you look at the total cost of jobactive and Work for the Dole across the whole case load, it is a lot less than that, Senator. I am happy to take that on notice for you.

Answer

The Department is unable to report against the cost per employment outcome for the 2015-16 financial year. This measure relies on 12 months of data from the Post-Program Monitoring survey, which will not be available until late 2016.