Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy

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Senator Marshall provided in writing.

Question

Challenges of the sharing economy

These questions are related to how employment will change over time in Australia.

• Have you developed a policy rationale that looks at the challenges of the sharing economy?

Answer

The vast majority of Australians are not working in the sharing economy. The Grattan Institute's April 2016 report *Peer-to-peer pressure: Policy for the sharing economy* states that it is likely that fewer than half of one per cent of adult Australians work on peer-to-peer platforms more than once a month. The Department is keeping a watching brief on sharing economy issues.