

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-001068

Senator Marshall provided in writing.

Question

Work for the Dole - Advice to Government

Has the department given advice to the Turnbull Government about the effectiveness about the Work for the Dole program? What was the advice?

Answer

The Department of Employment has provided advice to the Minister for Employment about the effectiveness of Work for the Dole.

Information on the effectiveness of Work for the Dole is at pages 12, 20-22 and 63 of the Department's 2015–16 Annual Report and at page 15 of the Department's 2014-15 Annual Report. The Annual Reports can be found on the Department's website at www.employment.gov.au.

The Department also commissioned an independent evaluation of the Work for the Dole pilot 2014-15. A copy of the evaluation report is also on the Department's website.