

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-001071

Senator Marshall provided in writing.

Question

Work for the Dole - Improved Performance

- Does the department believe Work for the Dole is capable of launching a greater percentage of participants into employment as it is currently structured?
- How would the Department change the program?

Answer

The overall objective of Work for the Dole is to provide work-like experiences for job seekers to improve their job readiness and employability skills, while at the same time benefiting the local community. It is an activation measure designed to help job seekers to reconnect with and prepare for employment. Through their participation in Work for the Dole, individuals report improved motivation and chances of getting a job.

The design of Work for the Dole is a matter for the Government.