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Question:

It was reported in The Australian on 12 February 2014 that the Head of the Indigenous Employment and Training Review, Mr Andrew Forrest, has called for the dole to be banned for Indigenous teenagers who drop out of school. Will the Government rule out a ban on early school-leavers accessing welfare support?

Answer:

Mr Andrew Forrest has yet to provide his final report to the Prime Minister. It is due in May 2014. The Government will give due consideration to Mr Forrest's recommendations once they have been formally provided.