

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio**  
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**QUESTION No.SI-75**

**Senator Carr** asked:

Are people who would be eligible for assistance under the TCF SAP referred to Job Network from Centrelink? If so, what steps has the Department taken to ensure that Centrelink officers are aware of the program and are in a position to identify people who would be eligible and ensure they are aware of their entitlements?

**ANSWER**

Processes have been put in place so that when impending redundancies are identified, particularly through employer notification to Centrelink of redundancies involving 15 or more employees, DEWR contacts the employer to advise them about the package and to arrange for information to go to affected employees and advises local Job Network Members of the redundancies and the affected workers' eligibility for the TCF SAP.

**QUESTION No.SI-76**

**Senator Carr** asked:

Does the Department monitor the performance of the Job Network and/or Centrelink (if appropriate) in administering this program? If not, why not? If so, please provide details of how does the monitoring process operate?

**ANSWER**

DITR is working in close cooperation with DEWR, the agency administering Part 1 of the TCF SAP, to ensure that the Program is effectively monitored. DEWR regularly provides DITR with updated reports on the number of retrenched TCF employees accessing TCF SAP. The outcomes for TCF SAP will be reported in DITR's annual report.

**QUESTION No.SI-77**

**Senator Carr** asked:

What is the Department's view of the TCFUA's suggestion that the SAP be administered through an independent, community based entity? Would such a move have the potential to improve information flows and ensure appropriate counselling, training and employment support is provided to all TCF workers?

**ANSWER**

The Department has not yet formed a view, the TCFUA's report is under consideration in consultation with DEWR. The Department is not in a position to comment.