

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009–10**

Outcome 4

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Senator Fifield provided in writing.

Question

Golden Gurus

When and why was it decided to extend the program from retirees only to include Newstart Allowance and Parenting Payment recipients?

Answer

In its response to the *Australia 2020 Summit* (22 April 2009), the Australian Government announced that the program would be targeted at mature age people who are retired, semi-retired or not working full-time.

Mature age people who are recipients of Newstart Allowance and Parenting Payment may wish to participate in the Golden Gurus program, especially since the impact of the global recession may have left some suitable skilled mature age people retrenched.