

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 282

Topic: Newstart Allowance

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Senator Collins asked:

What consultations, modelling and/or research was undertaken by the Department in relation to the implications and impact of these changes? What were the results of the consultations, modelling and/or research? What did the results say in relation to the impact these changes would have on the people who would be affected? Did the Department provide advice to the Minister in relation to these changes?

Answer:

The Department, as with all budget measures provided advice on impacts of the measure to the Government. This measure was a decision of Government taken in the context of the Budget.