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Senator Collins asked:

Is the Department aware whether the Government will be addressing the need for additional TAFE, University and other educational/training facilities spaces for those people likely to be forced into the Learn aspect of the Government's Earn or Learn strategy?

What modelling, consultations and/or research was undertaken by the Department into whether such additional spaces at these institutions will be necessary as a result of the changes to Newstart?

Answer:

The Department of Industry advises that eligible learners will have access to demand driven vocational education and training in most jurisdictions.