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Topic: Stronger Participation for Jobseekers under 30

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Senator Brown asked:

What instrument will the Government use to determine 'accredited course relevant to the labour market' beyond the existing mechanism of the Student Assistance (Education Institutions and Courses) Determination 2009 (No. 2)?

- a. What consultation processes will be undertaken in order to inform the development of such an instrument?
- b. Has the Department conducted modelling or research of education institutions' enrolment periods and intake patterns?
- c. Did any such modelling indicate that there are available a significant number of 'accredited courses relevant to the labour market' in which it is possible to enrol 'at any time'? Is this true in all parts of Australia, in particular those with high levels of unemployment?

Answer:

There is no further mechanism beyond the Student Assistance (Education Institutions and Courses) Determination 2009 (No. 2) to accredit approved providers and courses, therefore there is no requirement for additional consultation.

No modelling of educational institutions, enrolment periods and intake patterns was undertaken for this measure.