

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

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 747**

**Topic: Increasing the Age Pension Qualifying Age to 70**

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**Senator Brown** asked:

What measures has the Department provided to help people in this age bracket to find work?

**Answer:**

As part of the 2014-15 Budget, the Government announced the introduction of the Restart Programme which is administered by the Department of Employment.

Restart is designed to help mature age job seekers who have been unemployed for at least 6 months to find and keep a job. The program subsidises employers, up to \$10,000, who have hired a mature age job seeker over 50 years old (including those on the Disability Support Pension) and maintained their employment over a period of two years. The subsidy will also be available on a pro rata basis where employers take on part-time workers for a minimum of 15 hours per week.