

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

#### Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-001591

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#### Question

##### Insurance for Employment Services programs

Senator MARSHALL: Tell me how it will differ to workers compensation in every state.

Ms Leon: We will have to take that on notice. I doubt that I will be able to give you information that is generic because the coverage provided will depend upon the accident and the nature of the person's injury. But I will have a look at what we can provide.

#### Answer

The department purchases Group Personal Accident Insurance for job seekers participating in jobactive, Transition to Work, ParentsNext and Empowering YOUTH Initiatives. The policy will also apply to participants in Youth Jobs PaTH from 1 April 2017. The policy is not a workers' compensation policy. The policy provides for payments in the event of a job seeker's death, permanent total disablement or injury. The department's Job Seeker Insurance Guide can be found at [www.employment.gov.au](http://www.employment.gov.au).

Workers' compensation arrangements in Australia are generally designed to provide income replacement benefits when an employee is unable to work as a result of work-related injury or illness and to support injured employees to return to suitable employment. In addition to income replacement payments, workers' compensation may also provide reimbursement of reasonable medical expenses, lump sum benefits for permanent impairment and death and funeral benefits if an employee's death results from work-related injury or illness. The detailed arrangements and benefits available under workers' compensation differ between jurisdictions.