

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Outcome 1 - Employment

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Senator Watt provided in writing

Question

RapidConnect Plus

What is the difference between the activities which would be undertaken by RapidConnect Plus participants and existing mutual obligations?

Answer

Pre-benefit activities under RapidConnect Plus will include meeting with a jobactive provider, agreeing a Job Plan, developing an up-to-date résumé, creating a job seeker profile on the JobSearch website, and providing evidence of satisfactory job search with up to 20 job applications (with flexibility based on the local labour market and provider discretion).

The difference is that these activities must be completed before the job seeker can receive income support.

Job seekers will be actively supported during the four week income support waiting period by their jobactive provider to complete their pre-benefit activities and to find a job. This could include referral to suitable employment opportunities or referral to services to address vocational or non-vocational issues.