

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Outcome 1 - Employment**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0586\_15**

**Senator Lines provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Job Services Australia**

"How much has the Department budgeted for Job Services Australia over the forward estimates? Why is there such a substantial increase? Where is the review of JSA up to? What is the timeline - when will the Government announce its plans? Why has there been such a delay? Why was there nothing announced in the Budget? Has there been any consultation around the government's plans for the next system? Will the Government be able to run a tender this year? "

**Answer**

Page 35 of the Portfolio Budget Statement (PBS) outlines the forecast expenditure for Job Services Australia over the forward estimates from 2014-15.

	<b>2014-15 (\$'000)</b>	<b>2015-16 (\$'000)</b>	<b>2016-17 (\$'000)</b>	<b>2017-18 (\$'000)</b>
Job Services Australia	1,448,436	1,767,184	1,863,677	1,930,771

The change in expenditure between 2014-15 and 2015-16 is primarily due to the introduction of the Restart Wage Subsidy and Stronger Participation Incentives for Job Seekers aged under 30 budget initiatives, in addition to other Budget measures outlined on pages 28-30 of the PBS.

Employment services contracts are set to expire in June 2015 and the Government is considering the shape of the employment services from July 2015. The Government will announce its plans in due course.

The Government regularly consults with a wide range of stakeholders regarding both current Job Services Australia contracts as well as future arrangements.