Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2014-2015

Outcome 1 - Employment

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Question

Job Seekers aged 18-30

1. Has it been anticipated that when entering into training under the government's 'Earn or Learn' requirements for financial assistance, that a young person is likely to incur upfront fees or have to undertake a debt depending on the level of training?

2. In the Australian on 27 May Jobs Australia CEO David Thompson said that there will not be enough training places for young people – does the Department agree with this assessment?

If not, how has it arrived at this conclusion?

If the Department of Industry is unable to provide advice, can the Department liaise with the Department of Employment in order to obtain this information?

Answer

Please refer to the response to question BI2-02 from the Department of Industry.