

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome 1 - Employment**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0758\_15**

**Senator Collins provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Analysis of Restart**

What analysis has been undertaken by the Department into whether or not the new Restart wage subsidy will be successful? What consultations did the Department undertake with business groups and peak industry bodies in relation to the Restart wage subsidy? Did the Department provide advice to the Minister in relation to the Restart wage subsidy? The Government claims this subsidy will benefit 32,000 job seekers annually, is this consistent with the Department's findings? Did the Government request advice from/consult with the Department before deciding to replace the recently announced Senior Employment Incentive payment with the new Restart wage subsidy? Did the Government undertake any analysis into whether the \$10,000 offered by the Restart subsidy would make the subsidy more successful than the \$3250 initially announced under the Senior Employment Incentive payment?

**Answer**

This decision was taken as part of the Budget process. The department provided advice to Government as part of the process.