

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EM0766_15

Senator Collins provided in writing.

Question

Success of Job Services Australia

- 1 - Is it correct that Jobs Services Australia programmes were more successful than former Employment Services arrangements under the Howard Government, including Work for the Dole?
- 2 - Has the Department provided advice to the Minister to the effect that Work for the Dole is not as successful as other Employment Services arrangements, including those of the previous Labor Government?
- 3 - Has the Department provided advice as to the success of Work for the Dole? If so, what advice was provided?
- 4 - What percentage of job seekers who previously participated in Work for the Dole were in a job or studying three months after participating in Work for the Dole?
- 5 - How does this compare to the percentage of job seekers in a job or studying three months after participating in a vocational training activity?
- 6 - Is it correct that statistics suggest that only 35% of people who participate in Work for the Dole actually go on to obtain paid employment?

Answer

- 1 – Job Services Australia is more effective than previous programmes for highly disadvantaged job seekers (Stream 4 equivalent). Job Services Australia is not more effective than previous programmes for other job seekers.
- 2 - Details of briefings provided to the Minister are not made publicly available in order to maintain the confidentiality and effectiveness of the advice.
- 3 - Details of briefings provided to the Minister are not made publicly available in order to maintain the confidentiality and effectiveness of the advice.
- 4 – In the year ending December 2013, 21.5 per cent of job seekers were in a job and 18.5 per cent were studying three months after exiting a Work for the Dole activity. Noting that some job seekers may be doing both.
- 5 – In the year ending December 2013, 29.4 per cent of job seekers were in a job and 42.6 per cent were studying three months after exiting a vocational training activity. Noting that some job seekers may be doing both.
- 6 – No.