

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EM0769_15

Senator Collins provided in writing.

Question

Career Advice for parents

Did the Government consult the Department prior to deciding to scrap the Career Advice for Parents program? What consultation/data was relied upon by the Government in cutting this program? The Government has said that JSA providers will continue to provide career advice to job seekers as part of their general service. - Will additional funds be allocated to JSA providers for this purpose to deal with the parents who would otherwise have accessed the Career Advice for Parents program? - How many parents accessed the Career Advice for Parents in the last 12 months?

Answer

The decision was made as part of the Budget process.

Job Services Australia (JSA) providers are currently funded as part of their regular service fees to assist unemployed job seekers prepare a résumé, provide local advice on employment opportunities as well as provide information about any training that may be available through government-funded programmes. No further funding will be provided to JSA providers.

In the 12 Months to 31 March 2014 only 24 sessions were conducted under the Career Advice for Parents programme.