

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2014-2015

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EM0792_15

Senator McKenzie provided in writing.

Question

Election commitments

Can an update be provided on all election commitments?

Answer

There are 17 election commitments for the Department of Employment. Their progress as at 30 June 2014 is outlined below:

Name	Status
Early Cessation of the Work Ready Programme	All 19 Work Ready projects are now complete. Milestone 4 payments completed.
Tasmanian Job Programme Trial	Trial implemented on 1 January 2014.
Relocation Assistance to Take Up a Job	The Bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 27 February 2014 and received assent on 18 June 2014.
A Job Commitment Bonus for Young Australians	The Bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 27 February 2014 and received assent on 18 June 2014.
Mandatory Work for the Dole for the Long Term Unemployed Under 50 Years of Age	Implementation options being prepared for consideration.
Reinvigorating Mutual Obligation	Implementation options being prepared for consideration.
Suspending the Dole	Implementation options being prepared for consideration.
Employer Incentives to Employ Youth and Mature-Age Job Seekers	The Restart programme has been launched and is in place.
Employment Services 2015	Under consideration by Government.
Re-establish the Australian Building and Construction Commission	The Bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 14 November 2013 and is awaiting debate in the Senate.
Better Transparency and Accountability of Registered Organisations	The Bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 14 November 2013 and was defeated in the Senate on 14 May 2014. The Bill was reintroduced into the House of

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	Representatives 19 June 2014 and is awaiting debate in the Senate.
Productivity Commission Review of the Fair Work Laws	Under consideration by Government.
Workplace Bullying	Implementation by the Fair Work under active review.
Review the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal	The review has been completed and the final report handed to the government on 16 April 2014.
National Code and Guidelines to Replace the Building Code 2013	Advance release of Explanatory Statement published on 12 May 2014.
Amendments to the Fair Work laws	Introduction in the House of Representatives on 27 February 2014.
Fair Work Commission – Independent Appeal Jurisdiction	Under active consideration by Government.