

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Outcome 1 - Employment

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Senator Lines provided in writing.

Question

Work for the Dole leading to full-time employment

Given that statistics suggest that only 35% of people who participate in Work for the Dole actually go on to obtain paid full-time employment, has the Government addressed this low figure with the Department, and laid down plans to improve such?

Answer

The Labour Market Assistance Outcomes report is a monitoring tool, reporting on outcomes. The report does not evaluate the relative effectiveness of Work for the Dole compared with other interventions because it does not take into account differences in job seeker characteristics.