

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Question

Independent oversight of employment services model

Senator LINES:

Sure. I have a series of questions around that, so let me know when you have it but I will move to the next question.

Will the new model for employment services have independent, national oversight in a role similar to that suggested by the previous government?

Mr Jalayer: No, it will not.

Senator LINES: No independent oversight?

Mr Jalayer: No. Whatever was proposed—

Senator LINES: Why did the government decide against this role?

Mr Jalayer: That would be government policy.

Senator LINES: Senator Cash?

Senator Cash: I would need to take that on notice. Perhaps when Senator Abetz gets here you can ask again.

Answer

The new Employment Services model, which is included in the Request for Tender for Employment Services 2015-2020, was developed and agreed by the Australian Government as a new employment services framework administered by the Department from 1 July 2015.

The model proposed by the former Government was that an independent regulator would manage complaints, establish risk-based compliance and cut red tape.

These elements have all been established in the new Employment Services model without the creation of a new layer of bureaucracy and regulation.