

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2011–2012**

Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy

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Question

2010–11 DEEWR Annual Report – research and evaluation

"The 2010–11 DEEWR Annual Report identifies a range of research, analysis and evaluation activities that were undertaken over the period. Please provide the Committee with the documents and reports of "major research and evaluation activities" related to the analysis and impacts of the Earn or Learn policy, the Training Supplement and the change in the liquid assets waiting period). Also, provide copies of the research into projects on early school leavers, welfare and activation, employment retention and mature-age workforce participation, conducted by the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research under the Social Policy Research Services Agreement. (See p.139, DEEWR, 2010–11 Annual Report)."

Answer

At this stage, the department is unable to provide the Committee with results from the internal analysis of the *Learn or Earn*, *Training Supplement* and *Temporary changes to the Liquid Assets Waiting Period* initiatives as the analysis is feeding into the evaluation of the Jobs and Training Compact.

Providing the analysis at this stage therefore has the potential to pre-empt the findings of the Jobs and Training Compact Evaluation Report, which is expected to be completed later this year. The Evaluation Report will take into account a wider range of factors than those addressed in the internal analysis.

The Melbourne Institute reports requested—early school leavers, welfare and activation, employment retention and mature-age workforce participation—are available at www.melbourneinstitute.com/labour/publications/reports.html