

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome: 4

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Senator Mason asked on 1 June 2009, EEWL Hansard Page 21.

Question

Job Seeker Classification Instrument

Can the report on research undertaken by TNS, which was used to inform the Review of the Job Seeker Classification Instrument, be provided?

Answer

TNS Research was contracted to deliver consultancy services to the department as part of the Review of the Job Seeker Classification Instrument (JSCI). TNS assisted the department in examining the wording of JSCI questions, and answer categories, to identify any potential to improve job seekers' understanding and thereby increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the JSCI. The contract for these consultancy services on a particular component of the review did not provide for drafting of a report for publication. However, the conduct and outcomes of the JSCI review, including the research in which TNS assisted, are reported in the *Review of the Job Seeker Classification Instrument - June 2009* and related documents published on the department's website www.workplace.gov.au/workplace/Publications/PolicyReviews/Job+Seeker+Classification+Instrument+Review.