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To put these transition issues into context in terms of the previous changes in the model, going back from JN1 to JN2 and what issues there were around subcontractors at that point so we have the context of these current transitions?

Answer

Subcontracting arrangements for employment services are not new to Job Services Australia and have been in place since 1998.

Throughout Job Network 1, Job Network 2, Job Network 3, Job Network 3 (extension) and now as part of the current Job Services Australia model, providers have utilised subcontractors as an effective strategy for delivering employment services.