

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 4 - Employment**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0058\_12**

**Senator Abetz provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Assistance Package For Insulation Workers**

"In relation to the Assistance Package for insulation workers: 1. Into what field are insulation businesses encouraged to diversify? 2. Why are insulation workers being treated differently to other people out of work? 3. Are any similar packages in the pipeline for workers in other fields? "

**Answer**

1. The support provided to insulation businesses was aimed at assisting them to diversify into the industry of their choosing.
2. Redundant insulation installers and redundant workers from other industries were not treated differently. They received the same level of assistance as other workers under the Compact with Retrenched Workers.
3. The Government will continue to respond flexibly to emerging labour market issues on a case by case basis.