

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group: 1.2 Labour market programme management and delivery

Output: 1.2.2 Employment services

Question Number: W503-06

Question:

Senator Wong asked at the Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing on Thursday, 3 November, Hansard Page Nos.14-15:

Work for the Dole

- (1) Can you provide details of the 'genuineness' test which will be utilized to determine appropriateness for referral to full time Work for the Dole?
- (2) Who will administer the test?
- (3) What role will Employment Service Providers and Centrelink have in the final decision making process?
- (4) Are decisions reviewable or appealable, and if so by whom?

Answer:

(1) In considering referrals to full-time Work for the Dole, Job Network members will take into account all available information about eligible job seekers' participation requirement history (including income support payment penalties), job search efforts and attendance at Job Network contacts, interviews or activities arranged by the Job Network member. To be eligible to be considered for referral to full-time work for the dole, a job seeker must have completed the second period of Intensive Support customised assistance, aged 18 to 59 years, receiving the full rate of NSA/YA (other), have full time participation requirements and not require referral to a Comprehensive Work Capacity Assessor.

(2) Job Network members will make referrals to a Community Work Coordinator for full time Work for the Dole after consideration of the above factors.

(3) See (2) above for Job Network members. Centrelink will be responsible for compliance decisions in the event a job seeker fails to comply with referral or participation in full-time Work for the Dole.

(4) Answered in oral evidence at Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing, 3 November 2005, Hansard Page No. 15.