

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Abetz asked on 20/10/2010, Hansard page 117.

Question

RELOCATION OF JOB SEEKERS

Senator ABETZ—..... In the last estimates, Ms Paul, without verballing you, I understand you claimed that the relocation of job seekers from the eastern states to the west had not been a success last time it was trialled by the department. Is that correct? Ms Paul—Yes. It was quite a long discussion, as I remember, and I think I said that there were many issues with the previous scheme which we would seek to change with any future scheme. Senator ABETZ—Our evaluation found that it was not a cost efficient or successful way of trying to support mobility. Ms Paul—That is right. Senator ABETZ—It is on page 48 from Monday, 31 May. Can I ask whether any advice was sought or provided prior to the calling of the election for the government about relocation of job seeker funds for such mobility? Ms Paul—I will probably take on notice whether we provided advice prior to the election. I know that in the past we would have provided advice arising from evaluation, but whether we provided advice before the election campaign I will need to take on notice.

Answer

Please see answer to EW0444_11.