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Welfare to Work - Full-time Work for the Dole

What changes is the Government making to Work for the Dole requirements for the very long-term unemployed?

- ▶ The Government will require very long-term unemployed job seekers to participate in full-time Work for the Dole, if they are not making a genuine effort to find work.

Who will be required to undertake the full-time Work for the Dole?

- ▶ All job seekers aged under 60 years who are identified by their Job Network member as not being genuine in their job seeking efforts will be referred to participate in full-time Work for the Dole for 25 hours a week, ten months a year.
- ▶ This means they will be required to undertake 1 100 hours of Work for the Dole, compared to the current 390 hours a year.

How many Work for the Dole places are being created for the full-time unemployed?

- ▶ An additional 49 500 Work the Dole places will be created for full-time participants at a cost of \$91.7 million over the next four years.

What action will be taken against those who do not attend full-time Work for the Dole?

- ▶ To provide a deterrent to more serious failures, an eight week non-payment period will apply to very long term unemployed job seekers who fail to participate in full-time Work for the Dole.
 - ▶ After suspension, Centrelink will attempt to contact the job seeker and arrange an interview with their provider. If the interview is scheduled within 48 hours, the job seeker must attend before the suspension is lifted. Payment will be restored with back payment to the date of contact with Centrelink. If the job seeker has an acceptable reason for their non-compliance, their payment is restored in full.
 - ▶ Centrelink will determine whether or not the job seeker has an acceptable reason. The role of the Job Network is to report non-compliance. This is no different to its current role.
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