

Jobs Guarantee Scheme (Research) Bill

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Require the Secretary of State to undertake a programme of research into a scheme designed to provide guaranteed employment for those aged 18 to 24 and those aged 25 and over who have been in receipt of Jobseekers Allowance for 1 year or for 2 years; to require the Secretary of State to report the results of the research to the House of Commons within six months of completion; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Research programme

- (1) The Secretary of State must conduct, commission or support the conduct of research into the merits of a scheme designed to provide guaranteed employment for—
- (a) those aged 18 to 24 who have been in receipt of Jobseekers Allowance for—
 - (i) 1 year, or
 - (ii) 2 years, and
 - (b) those aged 25 and over who have been in receipt of Jobseekers Allowance for—
 - (i) 1 year, or
 - (ii) 2 years.
- (2) The Secretary of State may as part of the conduct of the programme of research—
- (a) obtain or analyse data or other information;
 - (b) obtain advice from persons with appropriate professional expertise.
- (3) Supporting the conduct of research under subsection (1) includes providing financial assistance or making the services of any person or other resources available.

2 Report

The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a report of the conclusions of the programme of research set out in section 1 within six months of its completion.

3 Interpretation

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In this Act “Jobseeker’s Allowance” has the meaning given in Part 1 of the Jobseekers Act 1995, as amended by the Welfare Reform Act 2012.

4 Financial provision

There is to be paid out of money provided by Parliament –

- (a) *any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of this Act by the Secretary of State, and* 10
- (b) *any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.*

5 Short title and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Jobs Guarantee Scheme (Research) Act 2015. 15
- (2) This Act extends to England and Wales and Scotland.

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Presented by Thomas Docherty.

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