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Insulation workers on North West Coast to receive government assistance

Minister for Employment Participation Mark Arbib and Member for Braddon, Sid Sidebottom have today urged North West workers who may be displaced by the changes to the Home Insulation Program to take up new training options and other assistance offered by the Federal Government.

The Government has announced \$10 million for 2000 Structural Adjustment Places in the Productivity Places Program for insulation workers affected by changes to the Home Insulation Program.

These are training places available to re-train insulation workers and are on top of the 4000 places announced last year to help workers transition from the insulation industry – 2000 places in the Language Literacy and Numeracy Program and 2000 Apprenticeship Access places.

“The Government is committed to ensuring that displaced workers in the North West receive the support they need with new training opportunities,” Senator Arbib said.

Any worker who loses their job in the insulation industry will have immediate access to assistance under the Government's Compact for Retrenched Workers.

When a displaced insulation worker registers with a Jobs Services Australia provider, they will get immediate access to high level support – through Stream 2 or above.

This guarantees them access to retraining support and help in developing a tailored Employment Pathway Plan find another job as quickly as possible.

This could include:

- help to develop a résumé and job applications, interview skills and presentation techniques;
- advice on searching for a job, various career options and employment programs;
- information about job vacancies and access to job search facilities offered by Centrelink and Job Services Australia providers, including JobSearch;
- referral and placement into employment;
- a comprehensive skills assessment;
- skills development and training relevant to the needs of the local labour market and identified job opportunities;
- referral to education or training opportunities including the Productivity Places Program, the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program, or the Adult Migrant English Program;
- help to gain licences, certificates or other qualifications; and
- work experience opportunities.

Mr Sidebottom said the Government was focused on providing support for those people who maybe unfortunately, be retrenched with the completion of this scheme.

“Insulation workers affected by the closure of the program can ring 132 850 to find out more about the Government support available,” Mr Sidebottom said.

Senator Arbib said Environment Minister Peter Garrett was having discussions with industry about measures that might be appropriate for the transition period into the new program.

Business owners can phone 1800 029 686 for more information.

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