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QUALITY CAREER ADVICE FOR JOB SEEKERS – NO APRIL FOOLS'

David Carney, Executive Director of the Career Industry Council of Australia, has welcomed the recent comments from the Federal Assistant Employment Minister Luke Hartsuyker that further red tape cuts will free up job service providers to assist more job seekers find jobs.

The Career Industry Council of Australia urges Job Service Australia providers to use the time saved from less paperwork to focus on improving quality outcomes for job seekers through the increased provision of quality career advice and support as part of their service.

It is critical in achieving quality outcomes for job seekers that frontline staff working with them are provided with time to appropriately support and correctly assess their work readiness ensuring that they are matched to suitable employment.

Mr Carney said it was vitally important that front line staff working with job seekers are provided with appropriate training in career advice, enabling them to best support the job seeker.

Jobs Australia CEO, David Thompson AM recently commented on the changes that 'this has the potential to free up around 70% of the paperwork for job outcome claims and that frontline staff would be able to spend that much more time getting people into jobs.'

The Career Industry Council of Australia calls on the Australian Government and Peak Employment Service Bodies to acknowledge best practice career advice in employment services where it is occurring and to work with it to raise the standard and improve the quality where it is required.

The Council commends the Minister for further reducing red tape on Job Service Australia providers and looks forward to working with him in enhancing the quality provision of career advice in the Employment Services Industry.

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