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Government plans to regulate platform work

In a speech to a TWU Conference on 26 August, Employment and Workplace Relations Minister Tony Burke provided some details about the consultation process that has commenced to develop minimum standards for gig/platform work.

The Minister referred to an initial meeting that was held on 26 August between the major platform businesses and the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations. He stated that discussions with industry and unions will continue over the second half of this year, with the next consultation meeting to be held in September.

The Minister clarified that the Fair Work Commission would be given responsibility for setting minimum standards for platform work and the consultation process is about the legislative framework for this. He referred to the fact that platform work has expanded beyond ride-sharing and food delivery, and is now in operation in the disability support, aged care and security industries.

The platform work reform process is being dealt with separately to the Government's Jobs and Skills Summit.

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