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*For information:*

Senator Marielle Smith  
Chair  
Community Affairs Committee

Mr David Hazlehurst  
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Dear Senator

Thank you for your letter of Friday 24 May 2024 in relation to the upcoming Community Affairs Budget Estimates hearings. I appreciate the advance notice provided to officials to assist in our preparation for the hearings.

I provide my assurance that the Social Services Portfolio will come prepared to table requested information where possible.

I would like to confirm that points 2 and 3 in your letter are within the responsibilities of my Department. In point 4 of your letter you requested a range of Disability Employment Services (DES) data. Much of what you have requested is publicly available on [Data.gov.au](https://data.gov.au), however I will ensure officials are prepared to provide any additional DES data you have requested where possible.

The other requests in your letter predominantly fall under the operational responsibility of Services Australia. I have copied in Services Australia CEO, Mr David Hazlehurst to this response. I have provided a copy of your original letter, and this response, to the chair of the Committee, Senator Marielle Smith, for appropriate visibility.

Regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of the letters 'Rg' in a cursive style.

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