

Subject: RE: Information given to the committee is incorrect.

Following is the edited addition:

Job In Jeopardy assistance is available for a person who is likely to lose their Employment in the immediate future as a result of their injury, disability or health condition. The person must have been employed for a minimum of eight hours a week on average over the previous consecutive 13 weeks or where there is an expectation that the employment will last 13 weeks. This will allow workers employed for less than 13 weeks to receive assistance, with the exception of where the job is very short term.

Job In Jeopardy Participants may Directly Register with a DES provider. They do not need a Job Capacity Assessment (JCA), and once the DES provider confirms that the person is eligible, they can be commenced in either the Disability Management Service or Employment Support Service. The DES provider must work flexibly with the Job In Jeopardy Participant, delivering an individual program of Job In Jeopardy Assistance that helps the Job In Jeopardy Participant to retain their Employment.

Why do you have to wait 13 weeks to access this service if you (the employer or employee) feel that help and support would maintain the employment into the future.

I also would like to comment as an addition to something that was said this morning about employers and training re mental health in the work place. Many of the businesses in our area are family or small business with 2 or 3 employees and these workplaces have little capacity to access training unless it is short (1/2 hour) and can be delivered in the workplace before or after work.

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