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Topic: Payment scheme for workers assessed under the BSWAT

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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide an update on the Government's announcement of 15 January 2014 regarding the establishment of a payment scheme for supported employees with intellectual disability in ADEs who previously had their wages assessed under the Business Services Wage Assessment Tool (BSWAT).

Is the Department still working towards registration for the scheme opening on 1 July 2014?

When will detailed information on the scheme be provided, noting that registration is scheduled to open on 1 July? What are the precise eligibility criteria for the scheme?

Answer:

Registrations for the BSWAT Payment Scheme will commence on 1 July 2014. More information about eligibility and other details will be provided in coming months.

Eligibility criteria for the BSWAT Payment Scheme are still being finalised. However, people with disability eligible for the Payment Scheme will, at a minimum:

- have had their wages assessed using the BSWAT;
- claim to have experienced a financial loss;
- have an intellectual disability; and
- have been paid pro-rata wages at Level 1 or 2 of the Supported Employment Services Award 2010.