

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 2 MARCH 2017 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Disability Support Pension

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Question:

- a) When an individual is successfully granted the Disability Support Pension, are they required to continue attending jobactive appointments until Centrelink informs the jobactive provider that the individual has been granted the Disability Support Pension?
- b) If yes, is the jobactive provider being paid for any appointments that take place between the individual being granted the Disability Support Pension and Centrelink informing the jobactive provider of the individual's new circumstances?
- c) If yes, why are they being paid for these appointments?

Answer:

- a) When Disability Support Pension is granted to a current Newstart Allowance recipient, the Department of Human Services notifies the Department of Employment. That Department is responsible for informing the jobactive provider that the individual is no longer subject to Mutual Obligation Requirements.
- b) The Department of Employment is responsible for Employment Services contracts and payments.
- c) Please see answer above.