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Topic: Disability Employment Services

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Senator Collins asked:

How much, if any, additional funding has been allocated to Disability Employment Services as a result of the 2014-15 Federal Budget?

- a. Where has this additional funding come from?
- b. To what area/program of Disability Employment Services will this additional funding be allocated?

Answer:

The Australia Government will provide an additional \$514 million over four years to assist people with disability access open employment through Disability Employment Services (DES), compared to the 2013/14 budget.

A number of factors have attributed to this increase:

- an increase in the projected demand for services, and
- budget measures that encourage and better support people who are receiving the Disability Support Pension to participate in employment, and further to provide temporary visa holders with greater support in the community.

The increase in the appropriation is allocated across the two main demand-driven areas of DES, the Disability Management Service and the Employment Support Service.