Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Social Services Portfolio

2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Disability Employment Services Hansard Page: Written

Senator Collins asked:

Has the Department sought advice on new ways of providing support to job seekers with a mental health condition? A proposal has been put forward by Orygen Youth Health referred to as 'Individual Placement & Support'.

- Has the Department done any analysis of this program?
- Has the Department any figures on what this program would cost to implement?
- Is the Department aware whether the Government is considering implementing this program?

Answer:

The Department of Social Services (DSS) has not sought advice on new ways of providing support to job seekers with mental health issues.

DSS does not have any figures on what it would cost to implement the 'Individual Placement and Support' proposal.