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Topic: Disability Employment Services

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Senator Collins asked:

Can you please outline the current state of contracts for Disability Employment Services?

Answer:

The Department of Social Services currently has 143 deeds with Disability Employment Services (DES) providers.

Of these, 56 providers deliver DES – Disability Management Services (DMS) and 127 deliver DES – Employment Support Services (ESS). DES providers can deliver both DMS and ESS under one deed.

Current deeds with DES providers commenced on 1 March 2010.

DES – ESS deeds are due to expire on 4 March 2018. DES – DMS deeds were due to run until 30 June 2015 but all of these deeds, with the exception of CRS Australia, are being extended to align with the DES – ESS contract period.