

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2017-18 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1.10 Working Age Payments**

**Question No: SQ17-000305**

**Topic: Drug Testing**

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**Senator Richard Di Natale** asked:

What is the definition of 'treatment' and whether it has been sought or not?

**Answer:**

A list of the main treatment types in Australia, according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, was tabled at the hearing on 31 May 2017.

Under the drug testing trial, a job seeker who tests positive twice will be referred by the Department of Human Services to a medical professional for assessment of their circumstances and possible treatment options. The assessment may recommend any type of drug or alcohol treatment that is appropriate for the job seeker's individual circumstances.

Examples of treatment may include, but is not limited to, further assessment services, support and case management, counselling, information and education programs, detoxification and withdrawal management, non-residential care or rehabilitation, residential care or rehabilitation, or pharmacotherapy.