

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

Outcome Number: 3.1 Disability, Mental Health and Carers Question No: SQ17-000374

Topic: Disability Employment Service (DES)

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Senator Carol Brown asked:

Can the Department identify how much is currently spent on 'Ongoing Support' across DES and is 'Ongoing Support' considered an outcome payment of the program? If not why not?

Answer:

Between 1 July 2016 and 31 May 2017, the Department provided funding of \$52.6 million for the delivery of Ongoing Support to DES participants.

Ongoing Support is not considered an outcome payment, as it is not paid upon the achievement of an outcome, rather it funds support that continues for as long as it is required.