

**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: SQ17-000375**

**Topic: Disability Employment Service (DES)**

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**Senator Carol Brown asked:**

In the Department's 'DES Program Changes from 2018' paper, (P. 2); The paper refers to a new 2 year School Leaver Trial: Can the Department outline the details of the proposed trial? How will the trial site(s) be chosen? How will the students with disability be chosen? Who will be undertaking the trial? How much is being allocated for the cost of this trial? How will the evaluation be undertaken?

**Answer:**

The school leaver trial will be undertaken over two years to evaluate the efficacy of providing DES support to fulltime students with disability who are in their final year of school and not currently eligible for DES.

The detailed design of the trial will be developed in consultation with representatives of people with disability, DES providers and people with relevant expertise in education. Part of the design work will be establishing criteria for who should be included in the trial, how sites will be selected, which DES providers will provide support, what supports will be provided, and supported by what level of funding. Participation will be voluntary.