

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator Carol Brown asked:**

Minister Prentice in a speech to the Australian Network on Disability 9th Annual Conference; the Minister referred to a need for the Department to work with employers who put forward innovative ideas. Is there a fund to support the development of innovative ideas?

**Answer:**

As set out in the *New Disability Employment Services from 2018* Discussion Paper, the Government may support proposals developed by employers, with the intent for employers to demonstrate and share their innovative practices in recruiting and supporting people with disability in work, as examples that others might draw on and learn from.

With support from the Department, Assistant Minister Prentice is engaging with employer groups to promote this call for innovative ideas.