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Senator Carol Brown asked:

Minister Prentice flagged of a review associated with the Employment Services Assessment; Can the Department outline the details of this review? When will the review be undertaken and within what timeframes?

Answer:

It is anticipated that the review will be undertaken in 2017-18 with a view to identifying what, if any, improvements may be made to Employment Services Assessments (ESAt). The review will have a focus on evaluating the validity, reliability and utility of assessments.

The Department will consult with representatives of people with disability, Disability Employment Services (DES) providers and other key parties in the conduct of the review.

Once the review has been completed, the Department expects to consult further with the sector on any proposed changes, with a view to introducing any changes from 2019 after the new DES program has been established.