

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: SQ17-000379

Topic: Disability Employment Service (DES)

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Senator Carol Brown asked:

What has the Government budgeted across the forward estimates for the Work Assist program?

Answer:

It is currently estimated that over the forward estimates from 2018-19, the Government will spend \$4.9 million on Work Assist. As DES, of which Work Assist is an element, is an uncapped program, the estimates may be varied in future to reflect changes in the uptake of Work Assist. This may include increases to the estimates in the event there is increased uptake of Work Assist.