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Outcome Number: 3.1 Disability, Mental Health and Carers Question No: SQ17-000383

Topic: Disability Employment Service (DES)

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Senator Carol Brown asked:

Can the Department indicate whether the proposed model of risk-adjusted outcome fee has been built in? How many levels of outcome payments will there be and how much is assigned to each level? Has the model been tested?

Answer:

Risk-adjusted outcome fees will apply from 1 July 2018. The fees will also be able to be recalibrated periodically to ensure they reflect any changes in the data used to calculate the fees, for example, changes in local labour markets.

There will be five levels of outcome fees in each of DES - Disability Management Service and DES - Employment Support Service. There will also be a continuing Moderate Intellectual Disability Loading. The DES fee schedule for the 2018-19 financial year is available on the Department of Social Services website:

https://engage.dss.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/des_reforms_industry_information_paper.pdf

The model was developed by actuaries using multiple years of DES data.