

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

Support provided by service providers

Senator TILLEM: If a client gets sick, will providers be able to provide for the Medicare co-payment for their clients? Ms Taylor: I would have to take that on notice. I think that would be DSS. Are you talking about the employment service provider? Senator TILLEM: The service provider. Will there be a capacity for them to pay or provide support if the client is unwell and is unable to attend? Ms Taylor: I would have to check the rules around the use of the EPF. It is fairly broad. I will take that on notice. I have not given any consideration to that. Senator TILLEM: And, along with that, transport costs. If you could list what they can actually pay for and what they cannot. Ms Taylor: Certainly.

Answer

This is a hypothetical question and is seeking an opinion that the department is unable to give.