

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Cash provided in writing.

Disability Employment National Panel of Assessors

Question

NEW DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES PROVIDERS

It is stated that the Panel of Assessors will carry out a “range of assessment services to enhance employment participation by people with disability and their access to employment and workplace productivity. a) What are the “range of assessment services?” b) How will they enhance employment participation by people with disability and their access to employment and workplace productivity?

Answer

- a) The members of the National Panel of Assessors may deliver Ongoing Support Assessment, Supported Wage System and Workplace Modifications assessment services.
- b) Ongoing Support Assessments provide an independent assessment of the ongoing support needs of people who are registered with a Disability Employment Services provider. This assessment helpsthesepople get the assistance they need to maintain their employment.

The Supported Wage System assessments assist people with disability to gain employment under the Supported Wage System workplace relations framework that allows productivity-based wages for people with disability in the open employment market.

Workplace Modifications assessments independently assess and recommend any necessary work-related modifications, equipment and services required by people with disability to obtain employment or to carry out their work. Recommended modifications, especially assistive technology have been shown to significantly improve work productivity.