

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Cash provided in writing.

Question

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Rewarding providers who work with employers to supply work ready job seekers

The fact sheet states that “the new Disability Employment Services will reward providers for working with employers to supply work ready job seekers who can meet local labour market demands”. What specific criteria will the providers be judged against to determine if they should be rewarded to working with employers to supply work ready job seekers who can meet local labour market demands”.

Answer

The new Disability Employment Services have a strong focus on job outcomes. The fees paid to Disability Employment Services providers are heavily weighted towards placing and sustaining people in employment. There are also bonuses available for providers who support participants to take up an Apprenticeship or Traineeship, or for an employment outcome where the participant has completed a qualifying training course relevant to the needs of the local labour market and employment is in that area of need. Providers will only be paid for these outcomes if they achieve them for their participants.