Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2009-2010

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Cash provided in writing.

Question

INCREASED RESOURCES TO ASSIST JOB SEEKERS WITH DISABILITY IN REMOTE AREAS

The fact sheet also refers to "increased resources to assist job seekers with disability in remote areas". What specific criteria have been determined to ensure that these increased resources will be applied to assist job seekers with disability in remote areas?

Answer

For Disability Employment Services, service fees and ongoing support fees for participants in remote areas are 70 per cent higher than in other locations in recognition of the increased servicing costs in these locations. Remote areas were definedby location and were specified in a series of maps in Appendix C of the Request for Tender For Disability Employment Services 2010–2012.