

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2006-2007 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
29TH AND 30TH MAY 2006
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group 1.2: Labour market programme management and delivery

Output 1.2.1: Information, referral and support services

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Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 70:

In relation to the specific pilot testing, what was the department's experience in terms of the rate of referral to DOES?

Answer:

Table 3.2 at page 13 of the Early Intervention and Engagement Pilot Evaluation Report describes the referral destinations by target group. The overall rate of referral to Employment Service Providers was 48% of the pilot population with 9.6% of the 48% referred to DOES (now known as the Disability Employment Network). Referrals to DOES made up 15.7% of referrals for DSP new claimants and 20.6% of referrals for DSP reviews.

The overall rates of referral in the pilot cannot be readily compared with referrals from Centrelink prior to 1 July 2006. This is because the pilot population included job seekers with temporary medical conditions and those with a disability identified through the JSCI process. Many of these job seekers would not require the specialist services of the Disability Employment Network.