

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

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation**

**Output Group 3.1: Working age policy**

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**Question Number: W025-07**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 70:

Can the department please provide information about the characteristics that might lead to a referral to DEN?

**Answer:**

Job seekers will be referred to the Disability Employment Network (DEN) where they require longer term support, i.e. longer than 6 months after placement in a job. Job seekers will also be referred to DEN if they need specialist assistance to build their work capacity.

The DEN uncapped stream is for people with disability who:

- have partial and assessed work capacity of 15 to 29 hours a week,
- will be on NSA or YA (O) or Parenting Payment,
- have part time participation requirements,
- can work independently at or above the relevant minimum wage in the open labour market with up to two years of assistance, and
- require more than 6 months of support after placement in employment.

The DEN capped stream is for people with disability who:

- have an assessed work capacity of 8 hours or more a week,
- need a program of support lasting more than two years, or
- are unable to work at full wage rates.