

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

**Outcome 3 – Employment**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0264\_13

**Senator Cash asked on 29 May 2012, Hansard page 55**

**Question**

**Disability Employment Service (data by disability type)**

Senator CASH: On the national/state labour market region employment service area and provider performance data by primary disability groups, do you have that data and are you able to provide that to the committee? Ms Buffinton: We do have that data—in fact, as part of this tender. We are two years into the Disability Employment Service, so now we have a whole range of providers, if you like, with sufficient data. As part of this tender, we want to make sure that, whether you are part of DES-ESS or from some other background coming into this tender, people know their potential case load by employment service area and whether there is a need for a specialisation in that area. What we are undertaking as part of the tender process—now that we have two years of data which we needed to build—is to put that information on the labour market information portal. Senator CASH: Whatever data you can provide will be good. Ms Parker: We can provide it to you, noting that it is a work in progress. We are very well aware of the sector.

**Answer**

DES caseload and commencement data is publicly available and updated monthly on the DEEWR website – Labour Market Information Portal ([www.deewr.gov.au/lmip](http://www.deewr.gov.au/lmip)).

These publications contain caseload data broken down by various regions and cohorts, including by Labour Market Region, Employment Services Area and primary disability type.

DEEWR will continue to investigate options for publishing reliable, relevant data in support of informed choice for job seekers.