SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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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:

Senator Siewert provided in writing:- What analysis has the department done on trends in the residence of people on disability support? Is there evidence that people on disability support pensions have been encouraged to move to regional areas as a result of provisions that make it easier to receive support in low employment areas?

Answer:

There are no participation requirements for people on Disability Support Pension (DSP). Acceptance of employment assistance and/or employment is voluntary for DSP recipients, regardless of where they live.