

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

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
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**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 1.2.5: Employment preparation services**

**Question Number: W1013-07**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked in writing: **Job Capacity Assessments – JCA and the Personal Support Program (PSP)** How does DEWR respond to a situation where someone is referred to PSP by a JCA, but cannot access PSP because there is a waitlist in their area? For example, is the person still required to meet activity test requirements? Are they required to participate in other employment services?

**Answer:**

Where a job seeker is placed on the Personal Support Programme (PSP) waiting list Centrelink will negotiate an Activity Agreement with suitable interim activities. If the job seeker is subject to activity test or participation requirements, the Activity Agreement must include at least one compulsory activity. Activities that may be included in the Activity Agreement are:

- a modified job search requirement (one job search per fortnight and no other activity); or
- a community activity designed to assist the person to increase their capacity to work, such as continuing with voluntary work; or
- a medical intervention if one has been recommended by the Job Capacity Assessor (JCA) and if the job seeker chooses to undertake this intervention; or
- participation in a community programme to which the JCA may have made a direct referral for the job seeker, such as a self-help or support group; or
- referral to and participation in a programme that can be undertaken concurrently with the subsequent referral to PSP, such as the Language Literacy and Numeracy Programme.