

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

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 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 1.2.5: Employment preparation services**

**Question Number: W939-07**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked in writing: Personal Support Programme Is COAG aware that the responsibility of monitoring COAG funded PSP places has been passed to individual PSP providers? Is COAG aware that the oversimplified monitoring system proposed by DEWR, for the monitoring of individuals, is totally inadequate to effectively track the utilisation of COAG funded places - because the use of the same place will be monitored over time? Is there any plan by DEWR to use existing DEWR IT systems to track the use of separate COAG funded places over time?

**Answer:**

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) has informed the COAG Inter-Departmental Committee of the reporting method for the COAG mental health Personal Support Programme (PSP) places.

The reporting format meets the requirements of reporting on the COAG mental health PSP places including the PSP participant's non-vocational barriers; progress/status; length of time in PSP and outcomes.

DEWR is looking at using existing DEWR IT systems to track the use of separate COAG funded places over time.