**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON**
**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**
**SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10**

**Outcome** **4**

**DEEWR Question No.** **EW499_10**

Senator Cash provided in writing.

**Question**

*Disability Employment Network*

Under the proposed new contract, what modeling has DEEWR undertaken to ascertain the impact of the proposed funding model on a provider who has a caseload that is predominantly DMI4? If modeling has been undertaken, what is the impact? Will this require any additional funding? What is the cost per employment outcome in DEN?

**Answer**

Under the current Disability Employment Network (DEN) funding model, providers assisting a Disability Maintenance Instrument (DMI) funding level 4 worker receives $1072.50 per month. Under the Disability Employment Services funding model to operate from 1 March 2010, the provider will receive $1100 per month for workers in need of High Ongoing support.

Further, Disability Employment Services will also provide a significant increase in funding for employment outcomes. Currently, under the highest DEN Capped funding level, a participant would attract is $7348 for a 4, 13 and 26 week outcome. Under the new funding model, a program B participant at funding level 2 will attract $14 740 for a Job Placement, 13 and 26 week outcome.

Importantly, this increase does not take into account further increases available through the uncapping of the program and the potential increase in the number of participants able to be assisted by the provider.