

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Cash provided in writing.

Question

Disability Employment Network

Has DEEWR received any complaints about the proposed funding model for the new Disability Employment Services?

Answer

The Government conducted an extensive consultation process leading up to the announcement of the new Disability Employment Services model to operate from 1 March 2010. It received feedback on numerous aspects of the proposed program, including the proposed funding model.

This feedback was taken into account in developing a funding model that reflected the key features of the new arrangements, including the removal of the current cap on services to ensure that all job seekers with disability can access assistance, increasing resources for job seekers in remote areas and increasing the focus on education, training and skills development and achieving employment outcomes.

The Government continues to consult closely with providers and representative bodies on the implementation of Disability Employment Services.