

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Abetz asked on 20/10/2010, Hansard page 124.

Question

ASSESSMENTS FORDSP

How will the new arrangements for assessing eligibility for the Disability Support Pension speed up the process for linking people with disabilities to financial support?

Answer

Prior to 1 January 2012, Job Capacity Assessments for people making claims for the Disability Support Pension (DSP) will remain unchanged. Centrelink and CRS Australia will assess claimants using the same Job Capacity Assessment procedures that are currently in place.

The Department of Families, Housing Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) has policy responsibility for the DSP.

Questions on the current and future assessment of eligibility for the DSP should be directed to FaHCSIA.