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Topic: Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) providers and Jobs Services Australia (JSA) registrations.

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Senator Siewert asked:

If a person is reasonably meeting their participation obligations within CDEP and attending work and/or study, can they still be removed from CDEP due to lack of access to a JSA provider.

Can you tell me whether these issues are under assessment or review?

Answer:

CDEP participants are not denied eligibility to participate in the CDEP program and are not automatically exited from the program, if failure to register with a JSA provider by the due date resulted from circumstances beyond their control.

Where a participant refuses to register, as stipulated in the CDEP funding agreement, they are required to be exited from the program. If they later register with a JSA provider they may be eligible to return to CDEP.

The Department continues to work with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and Centrelink to address issues surrounding the requirements for CDEP participants to register with a Job Services Australia provider.