

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2016-2017 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 3.1 Disability, Mental Health and Carers Question No: SQ17-000094**

**Topic: DES Program**

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**Senator Rachel Siewert asked:**

If there is no indexation attached to the new DES and organisations are supposed to operate based on productivity gains and reduced administrative burden as cost savings, has the Department done modelling that interested stakeholders can see, to demonstrate those cost savings as increased income to operate without indexation? If so, please provide a copy.

**Answer:**

The *New Disability Employment Services from 2018 Discussion Paper* outlines a number of potential changes to the Disability Employment Services program. In putting advice to Government on proposed changes to the program, the Department is considering all feedback received in response to the discussion paper. The features of the program from 2018 onwards, are subject to decision by Government.