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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

On Page 52 of the discussion paper New Disability Employment Services from 2018 it states that “[t]o identify and develop innovative projects for employing people with disability, the Government will support several projects based on proposals developed by employers.” Can you tell us about these employer projects?

a. How do employers get involved?

Answer:

The Assistant Minister for Social Services and Disability Services, the Hon Jane Prentice MP, announced through a Media Release on 8 March 2017 that consultation with employers on how employers can engage with people with disability would be commencing in the coming weeks.

Involvement by employers is voluntary and based on their interest in putting forward innovative ideas to increase employment of people with disability.