

**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: SQ17-000100**

**Topic: DES Program**

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**Senator Rachel Siewert asked:**

Will the new DES allow for part time jobs to be considered as outcomes?

**Answer:**

Employment in a part-time job that meets a participant's benchmark hours counts as an outcome in the current program.

The *New Disability Employment Services from 2018 Discussion Paper* outlines a number of potential changes to the Disability Employment Services program. There is no proposal in that paper to change the DES program in respect of considering part-time jobs as outcomes.

In putting advice to Government on proposed program changes, 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.