

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

**Outcome Number: 1.10 Working Age Payments**

**Question No: SQ17-000179**

**Topic: Priority Investment Approach to Welfare - Try, Test & Learn**

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**Senator Carol Brown** asked:

Are there any other avenues for potential pilot projects to be put forward and/or considered other than through the Ideas Submission Round and the Policy Hack?

**Answer:**

No. Although the Try, Test and Learn Fund is not a grants round, it has been designed to ensure transparency and fairness within the idea submission process. All ideas needed to be submitted through the online platform DSS Engage. Ideas generated through the Policy Hack were also submitted through DSS Engage.

The Fund is expected to open for ideas several times over multiple years, allowing organisations and individuals additional opportunities to submit proposals to help people remain in education or find work.