

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: SQ17-000184

Topic: DES Discussion Paper - School to Work

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Senator Carol Brown asked:

1. Will the new DES allow students with disability to be able to access DES assistance earlier to make a more effective transition from school to work?
2. Will the new DES be more flexible in terms of allowing students to be placed in part time or casual jobs?
3. How can DSS work with States to build an employment advice and support system within schools, to encourage students with disability to dream big?

Answer:

The *New Disability Employment Services from 2018 Discussion Paper* outlines a number of potential changes to the DES program. 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.