

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

**Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy**

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**Senator Cash provided in writing.**

**Question**

**DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

8) "Flexible Ongoing Support" is described as a new feature of the Disability Employment Services model. What are the specific elements that make up the new feature of "Flexible Ongoing Support"?

**Answer**

The Flexible Ongoing Support option enables Disability Employment Services providers to offer Ongoing Support to participants in the workplace as it is needed, including short bursts of intensive support.

This serviceoption becomes available after a 26-week employment outcome has been achieved.

Flexible Ongoing Support will be funded on a 'fee for service' basis.Disability Employment Services providers will be able to claim a maximum of six 'Instances' of support over a six-month period.