

Senate Community Affairs Committee

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy**DEEWR Question No.**

Senator Siewert asked on 15/06/2011, Hansard page 28

Question***Disability Employment Services – Service Fees and Outcomes***

Ms BUFFINTON: I am not exactly sure what numbers they are. First of all, under Disability Employment Services, there is both the disability management service and the employment support service. We shifted from the old disability employment network to the new disability employment support service, which is for the higher end need. Under the old system there was a four-level payment scale. We took level 2 and level 4 and made them, if you like, what we now term funding level 1 and 2. On average the new system is paying at a higher level than the old disability employment network.

Senator SIEWERT: What is it per person at both scales?

Ms BUFFINTON: I think it is easiest to give you a listing. There are service fees and outcome fees, and I think the easiest thing for us is to give you a table with that.

Answer**Disability Management Service**

Payment – GST Inclusive	\$	
	Fee	Remote ESAs
Service Fees		
1 st Quarterly Service Fee	1,595	2,711
2 nd Quarterly Service Fee	1,595	2,711
3 rd Quarterly Service Fee	715	1,215
4 th Quarterly Service Fee	715	1,215
5 th Quarterly Service Fee	715	1,215
6 th Quarterly Service Fee	715	1,215
Possible 6 month extension		
7 th Quarterly Service Fee	715	1,215
8 th Quarterly Service Fee	715	1,215
Outcome Fees		
Job Placement	770	
Full Outcome – 13 Weeks	2,860	
Bonus Outcome Fee – 13 Weeks	572	
Full Outcome – 26 Weeks	4,400	
Bonus Outcome Fee – 26 Weeks	880	

Pathway Outcome – 13 Weeks	945
Bonus Outcome Fee – 13 Weeks	189
Pathway Outcome – 26 Weeks	1,450
Bonus Outcome Fee – 26 Weeks	290

Remote Education Commencement Outcome	500
Remote Educational Achievement Outcome	1,500

Note: Remote Foundation Skills Outcome is paid as a Pathway Outcome

Ongoing Support Fees

(paid following a 26 Week Employment Outcome)

	Fee	Remote ESAs
Flexible Ongoing Support (per instance)	440	748

Employment Support Service – Funding Level 1

Payment – GST Inclusive	\$	
	Fee	Remote ESAs
Service Fees		
1 st Quarterly Service Fee	890	1,513
2 nd Quarterly Service Fee	890	1,513
3 rd Quarterly Service Fee	890	1,513
4 th Quarterly Service Fee	890	1,513
5 th Quarterly Service Fee	890	1,513
6 th Quarterly Service Fee	890	1,513
Possible 6 month extension		
7 th Quarterly Service Fee	890	1,513
8 th Quarterly Service Fee	890	1,513
Outcome Fees		
Job Placement	770	
Full Outcome – 13 Weeks	2,860	
Bonus Outcome Fee – 13 Weeks	572	
Full Outcome – 26 Weeks	4,400	
Bonus Outcome Fee – 26 Weeks	880	
Pathway Outcome – 13 Weeks	945	
Bonus Outcome Fee – 13 Weeks	189	
Pathway Outcome – 26 Weeks	1,450	
Bonus Outcome Fee – 26 Weeks	290	
Remote Education Commencement Outcome	500	
Remote Educational Achievement Outcome	1,500	
Note: Remote Foundation Skills Outcome is paid as a Pathway Outcome		

Ongoing Support Fees
(paid following a 26 Week Employment Outcome)

	Fee	Remote ESAs
Flexible Ongoing Support (per instance)	440	748
Quarterly Moderate Ongoing Support Fee	1,320	2,244
Quarterly High Ongoing Support Fee	3,300	5,610

Other Fees

Work Based Personal Assistance – hours provided directly by provider	35 per hour
Work Based Personal Assistance – hours purchased by provider	45 per hour

Employment Support Service – Funding Level 2

Payment – GST Inclusive	\$	
	Fee	Remote ESAs
Service Fees		
1 st Quarterly Service Fee	1,900	3,230
2 nd Quarterly Service Fee	1,900	3,230
3 rd Quarterly Service Fee	1,900	3,230
4 th Quarterly Service Fee	1,900	3,230
5 th Quarterly Service Fee	1,900	3,230
6 th Quarterly Service Fee	1,900	3,230
Possible 6 month extension		
7 th Quarterly Service Fee	1,900	3,230
8 th Quarterly Service Fee	1,900	3,230
Outcome Fees		
Job Placement	1,540	
Full Outcome – 13 Weeks	5,500	
Bonus Outcome Fee – 13 Weeks	1,100	
Full Outcome – 26 Weeks	7,700	
Bonus Outcome Fee – 26 Weeks	1,540	
Pathway Outcome – 13 Weeks	1,815	
Bonus Outcome Fee – 13 Weeks	363	
Pathway Outcome – 26 Weeks	2,540	
Bonus Outcome Fee – 26 Weeks	508	
Remote Education Commencement Outcome	500	
Remote Educational Achievement Outcome	1,500	
Note: Remote Foundation Skills Outcome is paid as a Pathway Outcome		

Ongoing Support Fees
(paid following a 26 Week Employment Outcome)

	Fee	Remote ESAs
Flexible Ongoing Support (per instance)	440	748
Quarterly Moderate Ongoing Support Fee	1,320	2,244
Quarterly High Ongoing Support Fee	3,300	5,610

Other Fees

Work Based Personal Assistance – hours
provided directly by provider 35 per hour

Work Based Personal Assistance – hours
purchased by provider 45 per hour

Moderate Intellectual Disability Loading

From 1 July 2010, a 70 per cent loading for participants assessed with a moderate intellectual disability applies to the first two quarterly service fees as well as job placement, 13-week and 26-week employment outcome fees and where these fees apply to jobs of at least 15 hours per week.

Job in Jeopardy Fees

	Fee	Remote ESA
1 st Quarterly Job in Jeopardy Service Fee	1,320	2,244
2 nd Quarterly Job in Jeopardy Service Fee	1,320	2,244
26 Week Job in Jeopardy Outcome Fee	2,860	

The same Job in Jeopardy fee apply in both DMS and ESS.

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Job Capacity Assessment – Evaluation of the process.

1) Has there been an evaluation of the job capacity assessment process?

1a) If so, when? Can you provide a copy to us?

1b) If not, why not?

Answer

1) Has there been an evaluation of the job capacity assessment process?

Yes, there was an evaluation in 2008.

1a) If so, when? Can you provide a copy to us?

The Job Capacity Assessment (JCA) program was published on 8 December 2008 by the then Federal Minister for Human Services Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig. A copy is available on DEEWR's website at <http://www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Programs/JCA/Review/Pages/home.aspx>

1b) If not, why not?

Not applicable

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Question

Newstart Allowance

Senator SIEWERT: I want to confirm that the new taper rate for single parents on Newstart is in fact different and has now improved as compared to someone with a partial capacity to work on Newstart.

Ms BUFFINTON: I will talk with colleagues who look after income support on that one.

Senator SIEWERT: That would be appreciated.

Answer

The income test taper rate for Newstart Allowance recipients (including recipients with a partial capacity for work) is 50 cents in the dollar for income between \$62 and \$250 per fortnight and 60 cents in the dollar for income above \$250 per fortnight.

As announced in the 2011-12 Budget, from 1 January 2013 (subject to the passage of legislation) the income test taper rate for single principal carers (including those with a partial capacity for work) on Newstart Allowance will be 40 cents in the dollar for income above \$62 per fortnight. The current income test taper arrangements will apply to Newstart Allowance recipients who are not single principal carers.