

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Inquiry into the delivery of outcomes under the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020
to build inclusive and accessible communities**

Agency: National Disability Insurance Agency

Question No: NDIA SQ17-000250

Topic: Percentage of employment supports in NDIS plans

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Senator Carol Brown asked:

Senator CAROL BROWN: What is the percentage of plans that have employment supports in them?

Ms Rundle: I'd have to take that on notice.

[...]

CHAIR: [...] this morning we were told that there is not as much employment support in packages as perhaps people expected there would be.

Senator CAROL BROWN: Nine per cent, I think the figure was.

CHAIR: Yes.

Senator CAROL BROWN: That meant two per cent for those people that were in open employment, and seven per cent for people that are in supported employment.

Ms Gunn: Those figures don't sound familiar at all, so I will take the opportunity to provide you with the absolutely correct data. But it probably is correct to say that the take-up of exploring employment opportunities has been slower than we had hoped. You'll see it as a gradual increase over the period of time a person is in the scheme. For those who have been in the scheme longer, that rate increases.

CHAIR: Okay. If you could provide that level of granularity, that would be really useful. Thank you.

Answer:

As at 30 September 2017, 11.7 per cent of plans for active participants included funding for employment supports.