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Topic: Disability Support Pension

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Senator Boyce asked:

Would you be able to provide information on what work, if any, the department is doing in regard to whether there should be one disability support pension for people irrespective of their ability to pass a work test or not, and also the other area is what work with COAG you would be doing around portability of disability pension and funding? and any work that might be happening on those areas.

Answer:

In the 2011-12 Budget the Government announced new rules that will, from 1 July 2012, allow people receiving DSP who have a severe and permanent disability and no future work capacity, to travel overseas for more than 13 weeks while retaining access to their pension.