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Senator Boyce asked:

Does the scathing assessment of the High Court in the Nojin v Commonwealth case call into question your marketing slogan on your website that says, "The intention of Disability Services Standard 9 is that people with disabilities get paid real wages for real work"?

Answer:

The intention of Disability Services Standard 9 is that people with disabilities get paid real wages for real work. Both the current and successive Governments have articulated a commitment to this principle.

The Government recognises the impact of the Nojin & Prior vs Commonwealth case on the current Disability Employment Services Quality Assurance process. A BSWAT Employment Response Team is working on developing the strategy and the broader management of Disability Employment Assistance and future wage setting.