

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 18 OCTOBER 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

- a) Under your new model which I understand is still evolving, there appears to be less emphasis on therapy and rehabilitation. In fact, can you confirm that staff can no longer use the term “rehabilitation”?
- b) Under your new model, is there less emphasis on providing treatment for clients irrespective of whether the condition is outlined in the ESAt, and your policy now is to refer clients to community or public health services?

Answer:

- a) That is not correct, staff can use the term “rehabilitation”.
- b) As determined by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, the core role of Disability Employment Services –Disability Management Services providers is to help individuals with disability, injury or a health condition to secure and maintain sustainable employment. This may involve assisting participants to access relevant support services.