

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No: 535**

**Topic: BSWAT**

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**Senator Moore asked:**

On 21 August 2014 the Government announced \$173 million for the supported employment sector. Can you please detail for the Committee exactly how and when that money will be spent?

**Answer:**

\$32 million has been committed to the development of a new, productivity only wage tool for use in supported employment environments. These funds will be used to develop and test a new tool with relevant stakeholders, and pay for wage assessments using the tool over the transition period. Work has commenced on development of the new tool led by the Fair Work Commission in conjunction with key stakeholders

\$141 million has been contributed to the tapering supplementation of wage outcomes for people with disability in supported employment from 1 February 2015. These funds will be managed by Australian Disability Enterprises (ADEs) to supplement wages of workers as transition to the new tool occurs. A small pool of funds has also been allocated to assist organisations unable to continue to deliver employment services to exit the market and to assist their supported workers to find suitable alternatives.