

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

**Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0843\_10**

**Senator Cash provided in writing.**

**Question**

***DES -NEW SERVICES***

11) The Minister has stated that 1 March 2010 is the date the new services will be available. a) Will the Minister guarantee that the new service will be ready for commencement on that date and if not why not? b) Will the Minister provide a list of all of the Service Providers with whom the Government has contracted in respect to the New Disability Employment Services? c) Are any of these organisations associated with the ACTU? d) Are any of these Service Providers active donors to the Australian Labor Party? e) Will all of these Service Providers be fully operational by 1 March 2010? If not, why not? f) Are there any outstanding matters that need to be addressed before the new Disability Employment Services comes on stream? If yes – which specific matters are they?

**Answer**

a)and f)           The new Disability Employment Services commenced on 1 March 2010.

b)           The organisations contracted to deliver Disability Employment Services are available at  
[www.workplace.gov.au/NR/rdonlyres/05D97222-33F0-4A77-95FB-D6E7A175CDEC/0/DESWebSummary.pdf](http://www.workplace.gov.au/NR/rdonlyres/05D97222-33F0-4A77-95FB-D6E7A175CDEC/0/DESWebSummary.pdf).

c) and d)           The Department does not collect this information.

e)           One organisation, a new entrant to the market with a small business share was not operational as they have decided not to proceed with the contract. This organisation had no existing caseload.