

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

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Agency - Comcare

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Question

Rehabilitation program

Senator BILYK: I understand that they have made no commitment to pay for the rehabilitation program. Have you been able to give any advice to the constituency about the agency's obligations, or do you do that? Mr O'Connor: I am not aware of that development, but I will certainly make sure— Senator BILYK: Are you able to look into that for me and get back to me on that one? Mr O'Connor: Yes.

Answer

Comcare has provided the following response.

On 6 February 2012 a meeting was held with the constituent, her treating psychologist and her former employer to discuss the proposed rehabilitation program. The employer is the rehabilitation authority under federal law. Actions were agreed and following the meeting the former employer has been in regular contact with the constituent. The former employer remains committed to working with all parties to develop and implement the rehabilitation program.

Comcare has discussed the rehabilitation program with both the former employer and Senator Bilyk's office. The former employer has confirmed they are complying with their obligations and are in the process of developing the rehabilitation program. The constituent is aware of this and Comcare will continue to liaise with her and the former employer in relation to the development and implementation of the program.