

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

**Outcome 3 – Employment**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0108\_13**

**Senator Boyce provided in writing.**

**Question**

**ESS services**

On the issue of "informed choice" and in regard Senator Cash's question, put on behalf of Senator Sue Boyce and I quote; "In relation to performance data transparency, the minister has told parents of people with intellectual disability that contracted ESS services are able to achieve high-performing employment outcomes for all disability groups. Why hasn't the national/state labour market region, employment service area and provider performance data by primary disability groups been published to verify the minister's statement? Are you able to provide that data?" As informed choice, which the Department supports depends on information and access to the data I now put this question in writing as it was not answered in the Estimates hearings. "

**Answer**

DES caseload and commencement data is publically available and updated monthly on the DEEWR website - Labour Market Information Portal ([www.deewr.gov.au/lmip](http://www.deewr.gov.au/lmip)).

These publications contain caseload data broken down by various regions and cohorts, including by Labour Market region, Employment Services Areas and primary disability type.

Relative performance is currently provided by the Star Ratings, which compares performance between providers in achieving sustainable employment for all participants supported by the service.

DEEWR will continue to investigate options for publishing reliable, relevant data in support of informed choice for job seekers.