

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
2ND NOVEMBER 2006**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group 1.2: Labour market programme management and delivery

Output 1.2.5: Employment preparation services

Question Number: W935-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing: Personal Support Programme – COAG Mental Health Places. How many of the additional places in PSP funded under the COAG mental health package have now been made available to providers? What was the basis on which these places were allocated to providers? Does DEWR still intend that all 2,500 COAG funded places to be allocated in the 2006-2007 financial year?

Answer:

Of the additional 2,500 Personal Support Programme (PSP) places, which formed part of the COAG mental health package, 800 have been rolled out to PSP providers. The remaining places will be allocated before the end of the calendar year.

The 800 places were allocated to areas of high unmet demand for PSP and included consideration of the number of PSP providers with an identified specialisation in assisting people with mental illness, who deal with drug/alcohol abuse or who are indigenous.

Similar criteria have been applied in determining the allocation of the remaining 1700 places.