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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

JOB CAPACITY ACCOUNT AND THE EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS FUND

Can you explain the duplication between the Job Capacity Account and the Employment Pathways Fund?

Answer

The Job Capacity Account is used by Job Capacity Assessment providers to purchase allied health services, such as psychological counselling and pain management, to assist eligible job seekers during their first 3 months of participation in Job Services Australia Streams 1, 2 and 3.

Job Services Australia providers currently use the Employment Pathway Fund to purchase the same types of assistance for Stream Services participants. Cessation of the Job Capacity Account will remove this duplication in funding sources.