

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Public Employment:

**NTPS Employment of Disabled**

1. What programs and services does the NTG public sector have in place to encourage or promote the employment of disabled people within the NTPS?
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**ANSWER**

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The Disability Employment Program provides up to two years NTPS employment, in entry level roles, to people with disability who cannot otherwise compete for jobs on merit. The DEP has a strong focus on developing the skills of participants, as a pathway to ongoing employment at the end of the program. The DEP also provides financial support to agencies in employing people with disability in NTPS traineeships. The DEP will be further expanded in 2019/20 to provide financial support to agencies to enable the employment of graduates with disability.

2. Has the Disability Employment Strategy been reviewed? If so, what new programs have been developed to "support the greater employment of people with a disability..."?

The *EmployAbility Strategy 2018-2022* was developed after an extensive review and evaluation of the previous strategy.