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As a constituent, my employment rights matter. Yet people who are blind or have low vision and people with disabilities still remain significantly underrepresented in the workforce due to systemic barriers. This includes inaccessible technology and equipment within the vast majority of workplaces, which is a major barrier to equal access to employment.

It’s completely unacceptable that 45 percent of Australians with a disability live at or below the poverty line. This shameful statistic is largely due to people with disability facing multiple barriers to employment, which restricts economic participation and independence.

I urge government to take the lead by making public service workplaces accessible to all employees. This can be achieved by mandating, promoting and monitoring AS EN 301 549, the standard that exists to guide the procurement of accessible information and communications technology (ICT), within government workplaces, setting the expectations for employers across our state.

Voting for a party that truly represents my rights is important to me.

I look forward to hearing from you.