

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** AISAP

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Abetz

**QUESTION No.:** AI-33

On what basis has the Government set aside \$8.5 million (DEEWR) for “training and other assistance”?

What is the total set aside in 2009/10 for this?

Is this based on modelling?

Is there a notional cost per worker etc?

Have any mergers or consolidations been approved by the Minister yet? If so, please provide details.

Are any mergers/consolidations currently before the Department and/or Minister?

**ANSWER**

Funding for the labour market adjustment support element of AISAP was set aside based on modelling undertaken by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

The Government has set aside \$9.874 million for the labour market adjustment support element of AISAP in 2009-10.

Yes. Modelling was undertaken by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

Yes. Modelling was based on a notional cost per worker including fixed costs in providing assistance.

No.

Yes.