

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2007-08 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome 7

DEEWR Question No. EW40_08

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Financial Case Management

Are pregnant women able to be classified as "vulnerable" in accessing Financial Case Management (FCM)?

Answer

Pregnant women are not automatically considered "vulnerable" for the purposes of accessing FCM. However, should a pregnant woman have an eight week non-payment period imposed, Centrelink has the discretion to provide FCM on a case-by-case basis.