

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2008-09**

**Outcome**            **2**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0923\_09**

Senator Humphries provided in writing.

**Question**

*Gifted Education – response time to previous Question on Notice*

In July 2007 Minister Bishop announced \$1.2 million in additional funding for gifted education programs in 2008. In your written answer on this matter, following the last Senate Budget Estimates hearings (DEEWR Question No. EW849\_09) the Department responded: *As contractual arrangement had not as yet been entered into for the gifted education workshops, all remaining funds under QOP-Other were allocated to savings proposals or returned to the budget.* Why did it take the Department almost four months to provide the answer to this rather straight forward question?

**Answer**

It appears this question was inadvertently overlooked in clearance procedures within the relevant area of the Department.