

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

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

Outcome 2

DEEWR Question No. EW931_09

Senator Humphries provided in writing.

Question

Gifted Education – funding arrangements

Federal funding for gifted education was allocated from 2004 – 2008 under two Ministers follow the unanimous recommendations of a Senate Standing Committee (2001). Why are the recommendations of this Senate gifted education report now being ignored?

Answer

The recommendations of the Senate's Gifted Education report are not being ignored. As set out in EW929_09, new federal financial arrangements have been agreed by the Council of Australian Governments. Under these arrangements states and territories have increased flexibility about how they use significant additional Commonwealth funds to improve outcomes for all students, including gifted and talented children.