

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

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

**Outcome/Agency**                    **8**

**DEEWR Question No.**            **EW1069\_09**

Senator Cash provided in writing.

**Question**

*Australian Employment Covenant*

In the article by Patricia Karvelas it referred to the AEC asking for ‘a very modest network of state officers to ensure the proper flow of information between the AEC, employers, mentors, employees and DEEWR’. Is the request for actual staff or for funding for staff? Where would they be located? What would be the total cost?

**Answer**

The Australian Employment Covenant (AEC) Executive put forward a proposal indicating a request for the Australian Government to support further AEC implementation and it is still subject to final negotiations between the AEC Executive, its CEO and the department.