

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

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

Outcome/Agency **8**

DEEWR Question No. **EW1071_09**

Senator **Cash** provided in writing.

Question

Australian Employment Covenant

Is the AEC on track to get 50 000 Indigenous job seekers into employment in 2 years?

Answer

The Australian Employment Covenant (AEC) is a private sector initiative which aims to create 50 000 jobs for Indigenous job seekers in two years. The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations is in regular contact with the AEC Executive. Advice provided to the Department is that the AEC continues to obtain pledges and job commitments from employers but the rate at which this is occurring may, for a period, be affected by the impacts of the Global Financial Crisis.