

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

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

Outcome/Agency 7

DEEWR Question No. EW1192_09

Senator Cash asked on 26 February 2009, EEWL Hansard page 58.

Disability Employment Network and Vocational Rehabilitation Service – Employment Assistance Fund

Question

- i) What is the total proposed budget for the employment assistance fund for 2008-09?
- ii) What is the total proposed budget for employment assistance fund—by way of the future fund?

Answer

- i) There is no budget requirement for 2008–09 as the Employment Assistance Fund is part of the proposed reform of disability employment services which commences from 1 March 2010.
- ii) Funding for the Employment Assistance Fund will form part of the new ‘Disability Employment Services’ appropriation and will not be funded separately. The Employment Assistance Fund will comprise funding formerly allocated to the Workplace Modifications Scheme and the Auslan for Employment program.