

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

**Outcome 3 - Higher Education**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0821\_10**

**Senator Cash provided in writing.**

*Refers to previous DEEWR Question No EW569\_10 (f)*

**Question**

**AUDITS OF THE PRODUCTIVITY PLACES PROGRAM**

I refer to DEEWR Q No: EW569\_10 (f). Please provide a list of these providers and the number of times that they have been audited.

**Answer**

Including current exercises, the Department has monitored 63 RTOs in respect to their obligations under the PPP to date.

These exercises have been undertaken in regard to the delivery of the PPP using a risk based approach. Risks that are monitored include a high volume of enrolments, commencements, completions and attrition rates. Liaisons from state training authorities and/or participant enquiries that indicate inappropriate activity are also taken into consideration.

Monitoring of 14 RTOs contracted under PPP is still ongoing.

45 exercises have been completed successfully. Many of these were monitored due to their risk rating and while acknowledging that identifying risk is not the same as targeting poor performance, the names of these RTOs have not been listed as it could impact on their commercial standing.

4 have been unable to be resolved through standard monitoring procedures due to the RTO ceasing operation/going into liquidation.