

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

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

**Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0920\_10**

**Senator Back provided in writing.**

**Question**

**GOLDEN GURUS**

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**Answer**

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The Australian Government does not provide funding to individual organisations to deliver the Golden Gurus program (Refer SQ10-000622).

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The Golden Gurus website is a sub-site of the DEEWR internet presence. As such, there were no specific costs associated with the development of the website.

*Has the total funding been exhausted and detail on expenditure?*

Actual expenditure to date (as at end January 2010) is \$94 603.74 (GST exclusive). Planned expenditure for 2009-10 is \$39 004.57 (GST exclusive). Planned expenditure for the duration of the program is \$400 000 (GST exclusive).

The table below shows a breakdown of expenditure for 2009-10.

**Breakdown of expenditure 2009-10**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Planned</b>
Program material for Member Organisations	10,051.15	1,000.00
Postage and handling (kits to providers)	1,894.59	0.00
Contact Centre (1300 hotline)	1,312.66	925.98
Contractor (development of copy for small business brochure)	250.00	0.00
Launch (sponsorship and banner)	5,469.09	0.00
Trademark application and legal fees	13,476.40	0.00
Training delivery (telephone connection fees for participants)	1,800.00	10,000.00
Training development (Cultural Awareness and Disability Awareness Training modules developed by external experts)	24,090.91	5,340.92
Training delivery (staffing) and administration	36,268.94	21,737.67
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>94,603.74</b>	<b>39,004.57</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>133,608.31</b>	

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There are Member Organisations delivering Golden Gurus in each state and territory, with the exception of the Australian Capital Territory. Applications and expressions of interest are still being received from potential Member Organisations and the Department continues to proactively encourage new organisations to apply to deliver the program. The Online Networking Forum provides a means of allowing mature age people to become involved in the program regardless of their physical location.