

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome 8

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Senator Watson provided in writing.

Question

What sector of the labour market is currently experiencing the largest skills shortages?

Answer

- The Department advise that for *professions* and *managers* shortages include child care coordinators, engineering managers and mining production managers, most engineering specialisations, accountants, registered nurses and most health specialists such as pharmacists and physiotherapists.
- Shortages of *associate professions* are apparent across some construction and most engineering associate professional areas.
- Shortages also exist across most *trades*, including engineering, electrical/electronics, automotive, food and construction trades.