

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome **4**

DEEWR Question No. EW38_09

Senator Mason provided in writing.

Skilling Australia for the future/ Productivity Places Program

Question

- i. How is DEEWR encouraging Employment Service Providers to refer job seekers to training under the Productivity Places Programme?
- ii. Are Employment Service Providers able to use the Job Seeker Account to fund items for job seekers undertaking this training?

Answer

- i. Training opportunities for job seekers available through the Productivity Places Program have been promoted to Employment Service Providers through a number of channels. These include: by letter, brochure, guidelines and briefings.
- ii. When referring job seekers to training under the Productivity Places Program, Job Network members are able to seek reimbursement from the Job Seeker Account where costs are incurred over and above those provided through the standard servicing of the job seeker.