

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

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

**Outcome**            **4**

**DEEWR Question No. EW42\_09**

Senator Mason provided in writing.

**Question**

*Productivity Places Program*

How is recognition of prior learning generally ascertained by providers?

**Answer**

The Australian Qualifications Framework sets out the National Principles and Operational Guidelines for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) which complement the National Guidelines on Cross-Sectoral Qualification Linkages (2002) and provides guidance on credit transfer and articulation agreements and arrangements within and between sectors. The implementation of RPL by training providers is monitored as part of Australian Quality Training Framework quality requirements.

Within these guidelines, there are a number of approaches to RPL and each provider determines their own approach to the process.