

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

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

**Outcome**            **8**

**DEEWR Question No. EW065\_09**

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

**Question**

*Social Inclusion*

What is the role of DEEWR in Social Inclusion?

**Answer**

DEEWR has a direct responsibility to contribute to the Government's Social Inclusion priorities. Its portfolio responsibilities include early childhood education, Year 12 school retention, literacy and numeracy outcomes, workforce participation, and Indigenous education and employment outcomes.

The department has established a Social Inclusion team. The team supports and advises the Minister for Social Inclusion on implementing, monitoring and reporting on new Social Inclusion initiatives. DEEWR is also responsible for servicing the Parliamentary Secretary and providing policy advice, service, support and coordination with the other departments.