

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome 9

DEEWR Question No. EW103_09

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Workplace Relations Reforms – Alternative Dispute Resolution

Why has there been such a large increase in the funding for this program?

Answer

As advised during the Committee hearings on 2 June 2008 (refer Hansard page 102), the 2008-09 allocation for the Alternative Dispute Resolution Assistance Scheme has not varied from that set in past years' forward estimates.

The forward estimates for the Alternative Dispute Resolution Assistance Scheme in 2007-2008 was \$1,561,000 and for 2008-2009 is \$2,495,000.