

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome 9

DEEWR Question No. EW106_09

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Workplace Relations Reforms – Alternative Dispute Resolution

Were there any outside parties consulted regarding a budget increase for this scheme?

Answer

As advised during the Committee hearings on 2 June 2008 (refer Hansard pages 102 and 103), 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.