

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome 8

DEEWR Question No. EW204_09

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Skills and Occupations in Demand

Can the estimated annual DEEWR expenses for the implementation of the policy of a 37 500 place increase to the migration program for 2008-09 (with an estimated cost of \$398.5 million over four years) be broken down into major educational and employment services?

Answer

Yes. The DEEWR expenses over four years include: Austudy (\$1.5 million); Child Care Benefit (\$36.1 million); Child Care Tax Rebate (\$32.6 million); Job Network (\$7.8 million); Literacy, Language and Numeracy Program (\$13.9 million); Newstart Allowance (\$50.6 million); Parenting Payment Partnered (\$6.7 million); Parenting Payment Single (\$2.1 million); Schools Recurrent Grants (\$60.0 million); Schools: English as a Second Language (\$175 million); Youth Allowance Other (\$0.2 million); Youth Allowance Student (\$10.2 million); and Centrelink (\$1.8 million).