

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome 8

DEEWR Question No. EW206_09

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Skills and Occupations in Demand

Why do the annual DEEWR expenses for the implementation of the policy of a 37 500 place increase to the migration program for 2008-09 rise significantly over the four year estimates?

Answer

The increase reflects the level of access to Australian Government funded benefits and services. The two year newly arrived residents waiting period limits the level of access to DEEWR administered employment services and labour market programs, with access to more intensive and expensive assistance available for the 2008-09 intake from 2010-11.