

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome 9

DEEWR Question No. EW226_09

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Work And Family Support For Small Business

How many small businesses contacted the Department or Minister requesting the introduction of this programme?

Answer

The Fresh Ideas for Work and Family Program was an election commitment announced in October 2007. The Department did not receive any requests regarding the program prior to its announcement. Whether any such requests were directed to the Minister when in Opposition is a question more appropriately directed to the Minister.