

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome 9

DEEWR Question No. EW240_09

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Unlawful Termination Assistance Scheme

Senator Abetz noted that the Treasurer has made much of how tight this budget was going to be. Why was a decision taken by the Government to increase this programme by such a large amount?

Answer

As advised during the Committee hearings on 2 June 2008 (refer Hansard page 109), the 2008-09 allocation for the Unlawful Termination Assistance Scheme has not varied from that set in past years' forward estimates.

The forward estimates for the Unlawful Termination Assistance Scheme in 2007-2008 was \$3,136,000 and for 2008-2009 is \$3,018,000.