

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome 7

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Table 2.7B on page 120 of the Portfolio Budget Statement indicates that the 2007-08 estimated actual total job placements achieved under Job Network is 600 000. Can the Department explain why the 2008-09 estimate has decreased to 550 000?

Answer

In response to a similar question asked by Senator Watson, EEWHR Hansard page 13, the answer provided by Ms Caldwell, EEWHR Hansard page 14, is "...we have two main factors impacting in 2008-09, which may reduce slightly the actual job placements anticipated. The first is the continuing shrinkage in the Job Network case load which was remarked on before—that is, the smaller number of people who will be serviced by Job Network in the 2008-09 period. Also, as Ms Golightly mentioned, as we approach the end of the contract and we have some providers wrapping up their services, historically there has been some fall off towards the very end of the financial year as those new arrangements are put in place and existing providers exit."