

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

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

**Outcome**           7

**DEEWR Question No. EW251\_09**

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

**Question**

Table 2.7B on page 120 of the Portfolio Budget Statement indicates that the 2007-08 estimated actual proportion of job seekers in employment 3 months following participation in Employment Services, Job Placement, is 72%. The estimate for 2008-09 is 70%. Can the Department explain this expected decrease?

**Answer**

The estimated outcome of 72% in 2007-08 is higher than the target of 70% for that year. The strong labour market that has existed over recent years has contributed to the outcomes being higher than the target. Outcome performance has been tracking within a five per cent range of the target so there was not a sufficient business case to upwardly adjust the target for 2008-09.