

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 proportion of job seekers in education/training 3 months following participation in Employment Services, Job Placement, is 12%. The estimate for 2008-09 is 10%. Can the Department explain this expected decrease?

Answer

The estimated outcome of 12% for 2007-08 is higher than the target of 10% 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.