

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 121 of the Portfolio Budget Statement indicates that the 2007-08 estimated actual percentage of Work for the Dole activities that address one or more skills in demand is 90%. The 2008-09 estimate is 75%. Can the Department explain this expected decrease?

Skills in Demand

Answer

Part E—Specific Conditions for Community Work Coordinator Services of the Employment Services Contract 2006–2009 states that every activity has to address at least one skill in demand in the ESA, with at least 20% of the activity time being spent addressing one of the skills of the occupations that is in demand.

The figure of 75% in Table 2.7B on page 121 of the Portfolio Budget Statements refers to the Key Performance Indicator and is a target of how many activities will address Skills in Demand in a financial year. Providers are free to exceed this target. The figure of 90% is the number of activities that have addressed Skills in Demand in the financial year 2007-08.