

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 proportion of job seekers in employment and/or education/training (positive outcomes) 3 months following participation in Indigenous Employment programs is 72%. The 2008-09 estimate is 65%. Can the Department explain this expected decrease?

Answer

The Indigenous Employment Program (IEP) performed very strongly in 2007-08, resulting in the actual rate of overall IEP positive outcomes exceeding the target. The 2008-09 target has, however, been maintained at the same level as in 2007-08. This includes consideration that performance in the coming year will include an increased impact of STEP and STEP ERS assistance for more disadvantaged job seekers including in more remote locations that have only recently acquired STEP ERS services.