

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

Personal Support Programme Social Outcomes Estimates

Table 2.7B on page 123 of the Portfolio Budget Statement indicates that the 2007–08 estimated actual percentage of Personal Support Program (PSP) participants exiting PSP who have social outcomes is 43%. The 2008–09 estimate is 40%. Can the Department explain this expected decrease?

Answer

A Social Outcome is achieved when a participant completes 104 weeks in the Personal Support Programme (PSP). While the estimated actual outcome (43%) was expected to exceed the 2007–08 estimate (40%), the program has an increased focus on achieving Economic Outcomes for PSP participants (including work, education or transition to employment services). This trend is expected to continue in 2008–09 with an estimated 40% of participants expected to achieve a Social Outcome.