

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome 7

DEEWR Question No. EW291_09

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

- i) Can the Department provide a list of all STEP activities approved on a month by month basis for each state and territory?
- ii) How many STEP projects are there currently Australia-wide?
- iii) What is the average expenditure per STEP activity?

Answer

- i) The list of all STEP activities approved on an month by month basis for each state and territory is available at:
<http://www.workplace.gov.au/workplace/Programmes/IndigenousProgs/STEP/FindaSTEPorSTEPERSprojectinyourarea.htm>
- ii) As at 31 May 2008 there were 749 active STEP projects Australia-wide which included 177 STEP ERS projects.
- iii) The average expenditure for STEP projects that closed in 2006-07 and 2007-08 (to end-May 2008) was \$118,767. It is noted that projects vary greatly in their duration and size and as a result, their expenditure.