

## EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

**Outcome** 8

#### **DEEWR Question No. EW297\_09**

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

*Mature Age Employment and Workplace Strategy*

#### **Question**

- i. When will the Mature Age Employment Workplace Strategy regions for 2008-09 be published?
- ii. Have JobWise Expos been held in each of the 10 MAEWS regions for this financial year? (2007-08)
- iii. What was the average attendance?

#### **Answer**

- i. Given that the four-year Mature Age Employment and Workplace Strategy concluded on 30 June 2008, no activities under this strategy will be conducted in 2008-09.
- ii. There were no activities termed 'Jobwise Expos' conducted as part of this strategy.

In 2007-08, a total of 36 *Jobwise Workshops*, 34 *Jobwise Self-Help Groups*, and 62 *Wise Workforce* activities were conducted across the 10 MAEWS regions.

*Jobwise Workshops*, provided labour market information for mature age job seekers and employers; *Jobwise Self-Help Groups*, delivered one-on-one assistance for mature age job seekers; and *Wise Workforce* provided information sessions for business participants to encourage them to implement age-positive workplace.

- iii. In 2007-08:
  - on average, 30 mature age job seekers and five businesses attended each of 36 *Jobwise Workshops*;
  - on average, 11 mature age job seekers participated in each of 34 *Jobwise Self-Help Groups*; and
  - on average seven businesses attended each of 62 *Wise Workforce* activities.