

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome *PEOPLE, PARLIAMENTARY AND COMMUNICATIONS GROUP*

DEEWR Question No. EW565_09

Senator Abetz asked on 17 June 2008, provided in writing.

Question

Collective Agreement

What rate of increase did you build into your budgeted figures, if any?

Answer

DEEWR does not currently have a Collective Agreement, but the section 24(3) determination preserves the conditions of the DEST, DEWR and FaHCSIA Certified Agreements. The preserved DEST CA has a 2.5% increase payable in September 2008, the DEWR and FaHCSIA agreements have no further increases payable. DEEWR is commencing the process of negotiating a DEEWR Collective Agreement and the cost of any pay increases flowing from this will be met through productivity savings as required under the Australian Government Employment Bargaining Framework.