

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome 2

DEEWR Question No. EW733_09

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

In relation to the Northern Territory intervention

What changes have there been to student / teacher ratios (in regard to the NTER)?

Answer

It is too early to provide data for this question for the schools in the prescribed communities of the Northern Territory Emergency Response. The first intake of 19 teachers commenced with the NTDEET on 19 May 2008 and those teachers have just completed a nine week preparation program before commencing teaching at the start of Term 3 on 21 July 2008.

These teachers are provided over and above NT Education Provider resourcing models and their presence is expected to contribute to a change to the student to teacher ratios in those schools to which they are deployed.