SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10

Outcome **5**

DEEWR Question No. **EW0047_10**

Senator Xenophon provided in writing.

Question

Is DEEWR aware of Aged and Community Services SA modelling that indicates that a typical aged care provider will gain $1,100 per bed from the Budget but lose $6000 to $8000 per bed in award modernisation costs?

Answer

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations is aware that Aged and Community Service SA has undertaken modelling with respect to award modernisation. The Department is unable to locate the specific figures referred to by Senator Xenophon in either the Aged Care and Community Services SA's submissions to award modernisation or the material provided to the Department by that organisation.

The Department is unable to calculate any costs of modern awards compared with current arrangements on a per bed basis.