

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome 5

DEEWR Question No. EW0052_10

Senator Xenophon asked in writing.

Question

Have these instructions (Referring to Question D52) included the consideration of increasing funding to aged care providers to employ more nursing staff at the higher level of pay and conditions under modern awards? If so, what have these considerations concluded?

Answer

As noted in the response to Question EW51_10, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has not been issued with any instructions to respond to the calls for aged care nurses to be provided with the same pay and conditions as nurses working in hospitals.