

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

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

Outcome/Agency 4

DEEWR Question No. EW0148_10

Senator Payne provided in writing.

Question

Australian Employment Covenant

On 30 October 2008 the government announced it would commit \$400,000 to the AEC for an early enquiries call centre, and make resources available to coordinate and facilitate training for Indigenous participants and facilitate post-placement and mentor support. Can the department provide details about what resources have been made available so far, and what is planned for the future?

How much of the \$400,000 has been expended?

Answer

The Australian Employment Covenant (AEC) Executive have directly received \$725 000 from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) since October 2008. This is made up of an initial payment of \$425 000 with an additional payment of \$300 000.

The first of these two amounts has been fully acquitted (spent). The department is currently awaiting acquittal advice against the second amount.