

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

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

Outcome: 5

DEEWR Question No. EW0260_10

Senator Cameron asked on Tuesday 2 June 2009, EEWWR Hansard page 52.

Question

Code Monitoring Group

Senator CAMERON—What resources are put into this group [Code Monitoring Group] by government organisations? What is the financial cost to government of this?

Answer

As at 2 June 2009, membership of the Code Monitoring Group (CMG) consisted of Senior Executive Service (SES) officers from the following organisations:

- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)
- Department of Finance and Deregulation
- Department of Defence
- Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner
- Office of the Federal Safety Commissioner

From 1 August 2009, membership of the CMG will be expanded to also include an SES officer from the Fair Work Ombudsman.

Over the past three years, the CMG has met on three occasions per annum. Each meeting was less than half a day in duration. Including preparation time, this equates to less than one person weeks effort for each participating department other than DEEWR.

DEEWR puts a greater level of resources into the CMG as it has three SES officers on the CMG (including the Chair and the Federal Safety Commissioner). In addition, DEEWR provides secretariat services to the CMG. The CMG Secretariat has the fulltime equivalent of less than two departmental staff; an EL2 and APS 6.

The costs for the CMG and secretariat are met from within each participating department's existing budget allocation and are not subject to separate funding line items.