

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

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

Outcome 5

DEEWR Question No. EW285_10

Senator Cash asked on 2 June 2009, EEWWR Hansard page 83.

Question

General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme

Ms Baxter—Yes, there is an internal review process that is undertaken.

Senator CASH—How many of these internal reviews have been undertaken in the last 12 months? I am also then going to ask how many of them have resulted in an increased payment being made to the employee.

Mr Kovacic—In the last 12 months there have been 120 applications for review. I do not have data in terms of the outcomes of those reviews. I will need to take that on notice.

Answer

Over the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, the Department received 148 requests for appeal and has made 205* decisions in relation to the appeals that were received.

A key performance indicator provided in the Portfolio Budget Statements 2008-09 is that over 98 per cent of GEERS payments will not be varied after appeal. The Department has exceeded this key performance indicator as, of the GEERS claims processed over the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 (15,910), 0.6 per cent (95) were provided with additional GEERS assistance after a request for an appeal had been investigated by the Department.

*Reflects all appeals processed in 2008-09, a proportion of which were received before 1 July 2008.