SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10

Outcome 5

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Senator Cash asked on 2 June 2009, EEWR Hansard page 98.

Question

Unlawful Termination Assistance Scheme (UTAS)

Of those who have accessed UTAS, how many pursued the claim to final court determination? If I could get the breakdown by way of financial year, that would be appreciated.

Answer

The Scheme provides eligible applicants funding to seek independent legal advice on the merits of their claim. There is no requirement for the applicant to advise the department of the outcome of that advice or their claim. As such, the Department does not collect data on the outcomes of funded UTAS applications.