

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

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

Outcome 5

DEEWR Question No. EW0305_10

Senator Xenophon asked on 2 June 2009, EEWL Hansard page 108.

Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman – Establishment of a specialist education unit for small and medium enterprises

Question

If you could take on notice what the precise nature of the services will be. My understanding is that it would include advocacy advice for small businesses, but then the question is to what extent? Will that be providing initial representation at a conciliation hearing or for an unfair dismissal or for more complex matters? In other words, where is the line drawn and, if the unit cannot assist, what will it do to refer people on for assistance?

Answer

Refer response to DEEWR Question No. EW0304_10.