

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Cross Portfolio

DEEWR Question No. EW0163_12

Senator Mason provided in writing.

Administered Programmes in DEEWR

Could the Department provide a complete list of all administered programmes in the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (in format whereby this information may readily be updated in the future) - including in each case: 1) a description of the programme; 2) the policy objective of the programme; 3) the date the programme was first formally announced as a Government initiative (and the specific source of that announcement), and the date the programme actually commenced; 4) whether the programme is ongoing and if not, the specific date when it is due to expire; 5) Please provide an indication of whether an evaluation of the programme's effectiveness has been conducted (whether internally or externally) and: (a) if so, when the most recent evaluation occurred; (b) if so, the conclusion or recommendations of that evaluation; (c) if not, when an evaluation is scheduled; and (d) if an evaluation has not been scheduled, the reasons for this? 6) whether the Australian National Audit Office has conducted (or indicated that it proposes to conduct) a performance audit of the programme, and if so; (a) when the most recent ANAO evaluation occurred; (b) the conclusion or recommendations of that performance audit; (c) the Department's response to that audit and its conclusion or recommendations; 7) the specific appropriation source for the programme; 8) the funding in each financial year of the current forward estimates for the programme (with a breakdown of administered and departmental expenses) including: (a) how much funding has been allocated for the programme; and (b) how much is committed under the programme; 9) projected overspends and/or underspending in each programme for the year 2010-11 (to 30 June), including (where appropriate), details, elements or components of each programme where overspending or underspending will occur and reasons for each variance; 10) in the case of programmes where funding is provided to individual recipients (eg schools, school systems, universities), whether an overfunding has been recovered, or is expected to be recovered by 30 June 2011, the total amount of the overpayments, and the total amount recovered or expected to be recovered.

Answer

Relevant information relating to all administered programs managed on behalf of Government by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations is provided in response to Parliamentary Questions 1234 and 1235, posed by the Hon Senator Abetz on 21 September 2011.

Additional program information is provided in the published 2011-12 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio Budget Statements.