

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2008-09 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome 6

DEEWR Question No. EW762_09

Senator Cash provided in writing.

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No EW759_09.

Question

If there is no evidence yet of a down-turn in international, full fee paying student enrolments in Australian universities, is there any expectation that there will be a down-turn in international full fee paying student enrolments?

Answer

Australia continues to have a strong reputation for delivering quality education in a welcoming and safe society. In addition, it is competitive in overall cost terms, both in costs of living and course fees. The opportunity to work part time whilst on a student visa also makes Australia relatively attractive to many international students. These factors will contribute to maintaining a sustainable international education sector for Australia.