

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome 6

DEEWR Question No. EW763_09

Senator Cash provided in writing.

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No EW759_09.

Question

Is there any evidence or expectation that students currently enrolled are withdrawing from courses and returning home as a result of the global financial crisis?

Answer

As the academic year is nearly complete, it is expected that enrolments will remain static for the rest of 2008 irrespective of the global financial crisis. There is presently no indication of international students currently enrolled at universities in Australia withdrawing from courses and returning home as a result of the global financial crisis.

Comprehensive data on new enrolments in universities for 2009 will be available in May 2009.