

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome 9

DEEWR Question No. EW 768_09

Senator Hanson-Young asked on 30 October 2008 (provided in writing).

Question

Has there been any consideration as to whether funding for the Working Women's Centres in SA and NT will be extended beyond the current 12 month contract?

Answer

Funding to the Working Women's Centres in SA and NT for 2008-09 is provided by the Workplace Ombudsman.

Notwithstanding the 2008-09 funding arrangements, the department is in the process of reviewing the funding provided to these Working Women's Centres (Centres).

The Centres (along with the Queensland Working Women's Centre which is funded by the Queensland State Government) are being consulted as part of the department's review. Future funding arrangements for the Centres will be considered in the light of the review's findings.