

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

SENATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2008-09 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES

Outcome 4

DEEWR Question No. EW792_09

Senator Mason asked on 22 October 2008, provided in writing.

Question

Productivity Places Phase 2

- (i) Regarding an additional 56 000 places which were announced on the 14th October, 2008, how will these additional places be allocated?
- (ii) Will the allocations be undertaken on a pro rata basis?
- (iii) Will the Department allocate a certain number of places to each state?
- (iv) Will the current system of allocating each state's quota at the beginning of the month continue?

Answer

- (i) Of the 56 000 additional places, 46 000 will be allocated to states and territories based on their percentage of the national working aged population. The allocations will be made via the program information management system on a monthly basis from November 2008 to 30 June 2009. The 10 000 structural adjustment places will be allocated on a demand basis from November 2008 to 30 June 2009.
- (ii) Yes, as stated in (i) above.
- (iii) Yes, the allocations will be made by state and territory based on their percentage of the national working age population.
- (iv) Yes, but it will be staged over a one week period at the beginning of each month with places for larger states being allocated on separate days to reduce demand on the program information management system.