EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 208-09 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome

DEEWR Question No. EW794_09

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

Question

Productivity Places Phase 2

What will happen with the allocations once responsibility for the programme passes to the states on the 1st January, 2009?

Answer

DEEWR will continue to be responsible for the 56 000 structural adjustments places and will allocate these places on a monthly basis in accordance with the current demand management strategy to 30 June 2009.

The remaining places for jobseekers and existing workers will be delivered by the state and territory governments through the National Partnership Agreement which was agreed at COAG on 29 November 2008. Through the Agreement, 402,881 places will be delivered through to June 2012.