

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome **2**

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Senator Humphries asked on 22 October 2008, EEWR Hansard page 41.

Question

Gifted and Talented Education

Is the \$1.2 million of which the then Minister spoke still earmarked in the budget? If the money is still there, what is it proposed for in 2008-09?

Answer

No. \$1.2 million has been initially earmarked for a proposed residential school and workshops on gifted education under the Quality Outcomes Program – Other Initiatives (*QOP-Other*). However, in the May 2008 Budget, funding under the *QOP-Other* was reallocated and reduced over 2008-09 to 2011-12 which allowed only existing contractual obligations to be supported under this program. As contractual arrangement had not as yet been entered into for the gifted education workshops, all remaining funds under *QOP-Other* were allocated to savings proposals or returned to the budget.