

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009–10**

Outcome **4**
DEEWR Question No. **EW545_10**

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Living Standards Research for Henry and Harmer reviews

Please advise whether any research on the living standards of social security recipients has been commissioned to inform either the Harmer or Henry reviews, and provide details, together with copies of any reports submitted to the relevant department(s).

Answer

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) has not commissioned research on the living standards of social security payment recipients to inform either the Harmer or Henry reviews. DEEWR is advised that the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs did commission work of this nature for the purposes of the Harmer Review, and that The Treasury has made use of this material for the purposes of the Henry Review.