SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10

Outcome **3**

DEEWR Question No. **EW570_10**

Senator Cash provided in writing.

Question

Productivity Places Program Audits

a) How many site audits have occurred?
b) Have desktop audits been undertaken for all providers?
c) How frequently are these undertaken?
d) How many staff contract manage the Productivity Places Program?
e) How long would a desktop audit take on average?
f) Would the size of the desktop audit be dependant on the caseload or on risk?
g) If on the size of the caseload, what percentage?
h) How many providers has DEEWR called in external auditors for?

Answer

a) 18 onsite monitoring visits have taken place since the inception of the program**.**

b) No.

c) Over the course of program approximately three monitoring exercises have been undertaken per month.

d) There is a total of 9.2 equivalent fulltime PPP contract management staff.

e) The timeframe for completion of a desktop monitoring exercise is dependent on the level of compliance found and the cooperation of the provider being monitored.

If the provider is considered compliant based on an initial desktop monitoring sample, subject to caseload, it is reasonable to expect that a monitoring exercise would be completed well within a month.

Monitoring exercises that reveal non-compliance will vary in the length to resolve pending the degree of non-compliance, if there is a need for onsite monitoring and if there is a need for the provider to repay program funding

f) Both.

g) Currently, monitoring exercises include a sample of 15 files for every training location where the provider has over 100 enrolments.

h) One.