SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10

Outcome ***3***

DEEWR Question No. **EW581_10**

Senator Colbeck asked the following questions provided in writing.

Question

$1million for ForestWorks Establishment as an ISC

A $1 million fund was allocated to ForestWorks in order to implement and operate the new Forest Industries Skills Council. Can a full detailed breakdown of the spending of this fund be provided? Over which financial years was the $1 million spent?

Answer

On 22 February 2008 the Hon Tony Burke MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry wrote to the Deputy Prime Minister the Hon Julia Gillard MP that $1 million would be transferred to DEEWR to towards the establishment of ForestWorks as an Industry Skills Council.

This money formed part of the initial funding for the establishment and first two years operation of ForestWorks ISC. ForestWorks became an ISC on 18 April 2008. The table below shows the (GST exclusive) funding provided to the ISC in the 2007-08 and 2008-09 financial years.

Program	**Funding (excluding GST)**			**Conditions**
	2007-08	***2008-09***	***2009-10***	
Strengthened Role of Industry Skills Councils	$586,080.00 (paid)	$2,476566.90 (paid)	$1,084,702.93 Due 15 Nov 09 $1,084,702.93 Due 28 Feb 10	Upon DEEWR approval of the ISC Annual Report for the period 1 July 2008 – 30 June 2009 and the Annual Audited Financial Statement for 2008-2009 due 15 November 2009. Upon DEEWR receipt of the ISC Updated Environmental Scan due 28 February 2010.

As per the requirement of the funding agreement, audited financial reports for the period 18 April 2008 to 30 June 2008 were provided. Audited financials for 2008-09 financial year are due on 15 November 2009.