

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

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

Outcome 4

DEEWR Question No. EW586_10

Senator Fifield provided in writing.

Question

Golden Gurus

Why has the age range been reduced to 50 from 55?

Answer

The decision to reduce the age range from 55 to 50 years:

- responds to feedback received by the voluntary sector and small business mentoring services during the consultation process
- aligns the national program with the Queensland Government's Golden Gurus program, which is targeted at skilled volunteers age 50 years and over.