

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

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

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Senator Cash asked on 22 October 2009 EEWR Hansard page 114.

Question

Senator CASH—No, I completely understand that. I am just surprised that you paid out \$4,274,601 in one year and you only have \$3.4 million left and we already have two colleges that have closed down. It seems to be heading in a downward spiral. How many students have been placed with other education providers in the last financial year under ESOS?

Ms Chaudhury—Under the fund?

Senator CASH—Or by the fund.

Ms Chaudhury—In 2008-09? I will just get those figures.

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Senator CASH—And I am going to ask how that compares with the previous financial year.

Mr Walters—We would have to take that on notice.

Senator CASH—Okay. Ms Chaudhury, you don't have those figures?

Ms Chaudhury—I will have to look and see. I should have the 2008-09 figures, but not for the previous financial year. It might be better if we take the whole thing on notice and then we can give you comparable figures.

Answer

During the 2007-2008 financial year one closure on 23/01/2008 resulted in placements of 95 students by the ESOS Assurance Fund.

During the 2008-09 financial year no placements were undertaken by the ESOS Assurance Fund apart from a few flow ons from the 95 student placements mentioned above in early part of 2008-09 financial year.