SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10

Outcome **4**

DEEWR Question No. **EW787_10**

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Participation Failures

(a) What is the total number of participation failures lodged by Job Network Providers?

(b) What is the number of participation failures lodged by Job Network Providers that were subsequently rejected by Centrelink?

Answer

(a) For the 2008/09 financial year, 110 679 participation failures were lodged by Job Network Providers.

(b) 55% of Participation Reports submitted by Job Network providers were subsequently rejected by Centrelink for a range of reasons. Participation Reports could be rejected by Centrelink where the job seeker may have entered into employment, where a medical condition prevented the job seeker complying, where a participation report was withdrawn by the provider after later having made contact with the job seeker, or where additional evidence had been obtained which was not initially available to the job seeker's provider.