

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

DEEWR Question No.EW0476_11

Senator Cash provided in writing.

Question

English Language Program

"Is there any correlation between the completion rates of the English language program and participation in full time employment?"

Answer

DEEWR through the Post-Program Monitoring (PPM) survey assesses the labour force status of job seekers three months after they complete a period of training.

The full-time employment outcome for job seekers who completed any English Language program - irrespective of whether the program is funded by DEEWR or not - between July 2009 and June 2010 was 9.2% and the overall employment outcome for these job seekers was 21.1%.

It should be noted, that 70.3% of job seekers who completed an English Language program between July 2009 and June 2010 were in some form of further education or training at that point, indicating a strong commitment among these participants to improve their employability.