

**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.EW0479_11

Senator Cash provided in writing.

Question

Humanitarian Entrants – Workplace Participation

"Does the employer receive additional funding to assist these people complete English language courses while on the job."

Answer

DEEWR offers three English language programs, the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program (LLNP), the English as a Second Language – New Arrivals (ESL-NA) program and the Workplace English Language and Literacy (WELL) program.

Only one of these programs – the Workplace English Language and Literacy (WELL) program - is open to employed persons. The other two programs are aimed at job seekers and those that attend school.

With WELL, employers do not receive additional funding to assist employees to complete an English language course.

Employers generally make a financial contribution to the cost of delivering WELL training. Employers are expected to make a cash contribution to the costs of the training (25% for first year projects and 50% for second and third year projects).

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship answered questions on this issue in relation to the Adult Migrant English Program at the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee on Tuesday 19 October 2010.