

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2007-08 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome 7

DEEWR Question No. EW37_08

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Financial Case Management

The DEWR Annual Report, page 46, shows a considerable underspend (84.54%) of Financial Case Management (FCM) for 2006-2007. Footnote j indicates this is because there was a lower than expected demand for Financial Case Management because there were less than expected number of breaches. Were there fewer than expected breaches resulting in 8 week non-payment periods? If so to what extent?

Answer

Yes there were fewer than expected eight week non-payment periods (NPPs).

Budget forecasts estimated that some 18,000 eight week NPPs would be applied, while in the event some 15 509 job seekers received eight week NPPs.