SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Indigenous Employment

What are the projected changes in employment rates under the impact of the Global Financial Crisis?

Answer

The *Updated Economic and Fiscal Outlook, February 2009* (UEFO), as released by The Treasurer and the Minister for Finance and Deregulation provides forecasts of the employment growth rate and the unemployment rate for 2008-09 and 2009-10.

As reported in Table 3.2, on page 33 of the UEFO, the employment growth rate (on a labour force survey basis) is forecast to be zero through the year to the June quarter 2010, and the unemployment rate is forecast to be seven per cent in the June quarter 2010.