

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome 4

DEEWR Question No. EW0042_10

Senator Siewart provided in writing.

Question

Parenting Payment and compensation

Is the Government confident that the interaction between workers compensation and parenting payment results in fair treatment?

Answer

People who are unable to work because of a compensable injury are most appropriately assisted through the compensation system. They are generally precluded from receiving income support for the same period that they receive compensation for loss of earnings. These rules apply consistently across income support payments.