

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 3 – Employment

DEEWR Question No. EW0105_13

Senator Boyce provided in writing.

Question

ESS program funding

Why hasn't DEEWR included annual ESS program funding increases to fees and outcome payments to address increases in service costs due to indexation and wage costs over the next contract period from 2013 to 2018?

Answer

The program appropriation will be reviewed as part of usual Budget processes. Organisations enter into contractual arrangements being aware of the indexation arrangements. To date, no provider has refused a continuation, or new business on the basis of indexation arrangements.