

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2008-09 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome 3

DEEWR Question No. EW765_09

Senator Cash provided in writing:

Question

International Student Enrolments

- a. What dialogue has the Department had with universities or representatives of the sector about their expectations with regard to enrolment levels as a result of the global financial crisis?
- b. If there has been no such dialogue, does that mean that it is the Government's view that the global financial crisis will have no effect on enrolments?

Answer

- a. The Department interacts with Australian universities through its international arm, Australian Education International (AEI) at different levels both in Australia and through its international network. These interactions canvass a wide range of issues relating to the internationalisation of education and may include discussions about student markets.

As part of the biennial Institutional Assessment Framework (IAF) meeting process, universities are asked their views on future enrolments for both international and domestic students.

- b. Dialogue has taken place as indicated above.