

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome *ALL*

DEEWR Question No. EW777_09

Senator Humphries provided in writing.

Question

Program underspends and roll-overs

How many programs were underspent in the 07-08 financial year?
What requests have been made to roll-over underspends to 2008-09?
Were these requests successful?

Answer

Of the 108 administered items reported in the 2007-08 Annual Report with 2007-08 expenses, 38 had a variation when actual is compared to budget in excess of 5%.

14 of these administered items are special appropriations such as income support or calendar year programs where financial year roll-overs are not applicable.

Requests for roll-overs are the subject of correspondence between Ministers based on briefing from the Department and take the form of advice to government.

Roll-overs can be described as Rephasings or the Movement funds between years and are disclosed in the Portfolio Budget Statements (for 2008-09 page 142) and Portfolio Additional Estimate Statements (not yet published).