

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

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

**Outcome** 4  
**DEEWR Question No.** EW540\_10

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

**Question**

*Evaluation of Welfare to Work reforms*

What evaluations have been taken into the Welfare to Work reforms?

Can these be made publicly available?

**Answer**

There is a broad acceptance both in Australia and Internationally of the importance of activation policies in encouraging people with a capacity to work to move from income support into employment. Welfare to Work was introduced by the previous Government in July 2006. The Department assessed the effectiveness of Welfare to Work in the first year after its introduction. Results from this evaluation were made available in the DEWR Annual Report in 2006-07 (see pages 169-172). Evidence from the Department's evaluation and monitoring of labour market activation policies, including Welfare to Work , is taken into account in the Government's ongoing policy development.