

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

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

Outcome **5**

DEEWR Question No. EW553_10

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Federal Safety Commission Budget

Where in the budget papers do I find the budget for the Office of the Federal Safety Commissioner?

What was their 2008/09 budget?

What is their 2009/10 budget?

Will there be a reduction in staff in the Office of the Federal Safety Commissioner?

Is there an intention to reduce the Commissioner's budget in the next year? If so, by how much?

Answer

There is no separate appropriation for the Office of the Federal Safety Commissioner (OFSC). The OFSC is established as a Branch within the Safety and Entitlements Group, DEEWR.

In 2008-09, the budget for the OFSC was \$4,898,000. Actual expenditure was \$5,666,868.

The budget for 2009-10 is \$5,028,379.

Staffing levels fluctuate across the year in response to changing work loads. As at 1 November 2009, staff numbers in the Office of the Federal Safety Commissioner are three less than as at 1 July as a result of more efficient work practices. Staffing levels are regularly reviewed to ensure they are appropriately matched to workload.