

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

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

**Outcome**                                 **3**

**DEEWR Question No.**           **EW573\_10**

Senator Cash provided in writing.

**Question**

*Productivity Places Program Audits*

What is a reasonable timeframe for determining the outcome of an audit?

**Answer**

The timeframe for completion of an audit exercise depends on factors including the level of compliance found and the cooperation of the provider being monitored.

If the provider is considered compliant based on an initial desktop monitoring sample, or compliance issues are minor, then subject to caseload, it is reasonable to expect that a monitoring exercise could be completed within a month.

If significant non-compliance is found and monitoring extends to onsite monitoring or a 100% records audit and/or a requirement for the provider to repay significant funding, then the process will be longer. In these complex cases, it is not possible to determine in advance how long they will take.