

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 4 - Employment

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Senator Siewert asked on 17 February 2012 , Hansard page 28

Question on further payments to the Australian Employment Covenant.

Question

AEC funding

Senator SIEWERT: Have AEC received any further funding beyond what you have already reported? Ms Wood: I do not think there has been a payment since we last appeared before the committee. In total, the payments have been around \$5.2 million. There was \$4 million in establishment funding and \$1.2 million in outcome payments, which relate to commitments only. Senator SIEWERT: Are there any further funding commitments outstanding? Ms Wood: There are. We expect we will make further payments before the contract concludes in March. Senator SIEWERT: What are those payments likely to be? Ms Wood: We will need to take that on notice. I think we are in the process of verifying the claims. The actual total amount will depend on that process.

Answer

DEEWR is currently verifying claims contained in invoices from the AEC to the value of \$1,780,229 for payments relating to 31,659 job commitments from employers.