

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2007-2008 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome 7

DEEWR Question No. EW108_08

Senator Parry asked on 21 February 2008, DEEWR Proof Hansard page 23:

Question:

STEP

How successful has the program been rated?

Answer:

There have been 7,684 training and employment commencements under Structured Training and Employment Projects (STEP) from 1 July 2007 to 29 February 2008. This compares to total of 5,116 commencements in the full year of 2006-07.

Performance data on Structured Training and Employment Projects (STEP) is collected and reported through the department's Post Program Monitoring (PPM) Survey. The PPM measures outcomes achieved by job seekers three months after they exit labour market assistance. In the 12 months to 31 December 2007, the PPM Survey shows job seekers who exited STEP assistance between 01 October 2006 and 30 September 2007 achieved the following outcomes:

	<i>Dec 2007*</i>
Full-time employment	51.5%
Part-time employment	15.9%
Total Employed	67.5%
Positive outcomes**	72.7%

* Source: Labour Market Assistance Outcomes report – year ending December 2007

** Positive outcomes include employment and education/training outcomes