

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
2007-08 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING**

**Outcome**

**DEEWR Question No. EW38\_08**

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

**Question**

Financial Case Management

To what extent does the underspend reflect the restrictive rules for accessing Financial Case Management?

**Answer**

Budget forecasts were based on some 18,000 jobseekers receiving eight week NPPs compared to an actual result of 15,509 jobseekers.

The FCM underspend is due to lower than expected numbers incurring an eight week NPP and even fewer than expected being eligible for FCM. This in turn suggests that fewer parents and otherwise 'exceptionally vulnerable' people have incurred an eight week NPP than was originally anticipated.