

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2008-09**

Outcome/Agency **All**

DEEWR Question No. EW0945_09

Senator Humphries provided in writing.

Question

Program underspends/lapsing

Which programs are currently tracking for an underspend this financial year?

Answer

Revisions to the 2008-09 estimates for programs will be provided in the 2009-10 Portfolio Budget Statements. Variations to outcomes for reasons other than measures are provided for at pages 20-25 of the Portfolio Additional Estimate Statements 2008-09.

Downward revisions for the following programs in Outcome 7 occurred.

Program	\$'000	
Widow Allowance	\$8.644m	1.72%
Sickness Allowance	\$1.347m	1.55%
Parenting payment single	\$52.430m	1.28%
Parenting payment partnered	\$20.273m	2.12%
Partner allowance benefit	\$5.492m	9.19%
Utilities Allowance	<u>\$3.464m</u>	14.16%
	\$91.650m	

This was partially offset by upward variations of \$23.604m