

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

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

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DEEWR Question No. EW1180_09

Senator Cash asked on 26 March 2009, EEWHR Hansard page 46.

Question

\$370.2 million in savings in employment services

In the 2008-09 budget papers there is a reference in Budget Paper No. 2 on page 388 to \$370.2 million in savings in employment services for the 2009-10 to the 2011-12 financial years. How was this figure calculated? What assumptions were made? Was any modelling done to support this figure? What part of these savings is of an administrative nature? Are any of these savings contributing to the department's efficiency dividend? Have these savings been revised in the mid-year economic and financial fiscal outlook 2008-09? I am happy to repeat any of those questions if required.

Answer

As advised in the response to the Senate Estimates Question on Notice EW 899_09 and EW262_09, as the new Employment Services are not based on the current model it is not possible to isolate the specific areas of saving and hence provide an exact breakdown. The new model represents a more streamlined and efficient way of delivering employment services and savings, will be achieved by reducing red tape and unnecessary administration.

As advised in the response to the Senate Estimates Question on Notice EW262_09, Mr Carters answered a question relating to what part of the of the saving is of an administrative nature, on Monday 2 June 2008, EEWHR Hansard page 21. The \$370.2 million is made up of approximately \$350 million in administered funds and \$20 million in departmental funds.

No, none of these savings are contributing to the department's efficiency dividend

These savings have not been revised in the mid-year economic and financial fiscal outlook 2008-09