

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

DEEWR Question No.EW0865_10

Senator Cash provided in writing.

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No EW575_10.

Question

Securing Australian Apprenticeships initiative – Out of Trade Australian Apprentices

I refer to the answer to QONEW 575_10 in which the Department advised that as at 5 November 2009 around 16,000 employers had received payments under the Securing Australian Apprenticeships initiative. Please provide an updated figure as at 10 February 2010.

Answer

As at 10 February 2010, around 23,000 employers received payments under the Securing Australian Apprenticeships initiative, which includes recommencement for out of trade apprentices and completion bonuses.