

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

**Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0904\_11**

**Senator Fierravanti-Wells provided in writing.**

**Question**

**EXPERIENCE PLUS PROGRAM**

"The government proposed a \$30million Experience Plus Program. In relation to this program, please advise: a. what sort of programs does the department envisage that this will support? b. Has any of the funding been allocated or earmarked for any programs?"

**Answer**

This proposal intends to provide mature age workers (50 years and over) who have trade relevant skills but no formal qualifications with the opportunity to have their skills formally assessed and recognised. It would also provide appropriate training to address any skills gaps.

The initiative would be promoted under the existing Experience+ communications strategy, using the Experience+ branding.

The total of \$30 million will be allocated over 3 years, \$10 million per year (2011-12 to 2013-14).