

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

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

**Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy**

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**Senator Abetz provided in writing.**

**Question**

**ONE STAR PROVIDERS IN REMOTE AREAS**

Is it correct that considerable one-star providers are in remote communities with limited labour markets. Given the disruption of changing providers arising from business re-allocation causes in remote communities, is the Minister taking steps limiting the impact of business re-allocation in these communities? a. If so, what are they?"

**Answer**

Based on the star ratings system as at 31 December 2010, providers with a one-star rating at either the site or Employment Service Area are not disproportionately located in remote communities. The December 2010 star ratings show a significant reduction in the number of providers who are rated as one-star compared to the last public release of the star ratings in June 2010.

In determining the outcomes of the mid-term business reallocation, the department will take a range of factors into consideration including minimising disruption to job seekers and employers.