

**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

EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS FUND

Is there an under-spend of the overall Employment Pathway Fund (EPF) for:

- a. The last and the current financial years?
- b. Specifically regarding remote ESAs, is there any under-spend or over-spend of the EPF for remote ESAs?

Answer

- a) Employment Pathway Fund (EPF) credits are allocated to Job Services Australia (JSA) providers over the life of the deed and not by financial year. Accordingly, at the midpoint of the current deed, expenditure patterns for the EPF are in line with projections.
- b) At the midpoint of the current deed, expenditure patterns for the EPF for remote JSA providers are as expected.