

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

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

**Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy**

**DEEWR Question No.**EW0196\_11

**Senator Abetz asked on 31/05/2010, Hansard page 82.**

**Question:** Was DEEWR consulted in determining the number of jobs saved by stimulus spending?

***JOBS SAVED BY STIMULUS SPENDING***

Senator ABETZ—There has been some community debate as to the alleged number of jobs saved by stimulus spending. Has the department itself been consulted or done any work in relation to determining those figures—or any figures? I know.....  
..... Ms Paul—Not that I am aware of. It would not be this outcome. Once again, I am happy to take that on notice. Senator ABETZ—If you could. Ms Paul—Sure. Senator ABETZ—Also whether the 200,000 is full time, part time or full-time equivalent. Ms Paul—That is probably a matter for Treasury, but I am happy to take it on in that regard and refer it.

***Answer***

The determination of the number of jobs saved by stimulus spending is not the responsibility or function of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and subsequently was not consulted.

The Department understands that the 200 000 jobs figure is total jobs (full-time and part-time jobs).