

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10**

**Outcome** 4

**DEEWR Question No.** EW468\_10

Senator Cash provided in writing.

**Question**

*Recommendation and Approval of Jobs Fund Projects*

- How many of the Get Communities Working projects which were recommended for approval, were successful?
- Were any Get Communities Working projects which were not initially recommended, approved?
- Did any Minister refer a Get Communities Working project to DEEWR for recommendation?

**Answer**

- 108 of the 109 Get Communities Working projects which were recommended for approval were successful. One recommended project was not successful because the proponent advised DEEWR they wished to withdraw their application.
- There were no approved Get Communities Working projects which were not initially recommended by DEEWR.
- The question was answered at Senate Estimates by Margaret Kidd and Lisa Paul (Pages 127 and 128 Hansard):

**Senator CASH**—*But my question was not in relation to that. I asked whether any minister referred a project to the department for recommendation, as opposed to a letter of support. Did a minister say to the department, 'This is a project that I recommend for funding'?*

**Ms Kidd**—*As Ms Paul said, proponents had to apply, so we only considered applications that came in through that process.*

**Ms Paul**—*The answer is no.*

**Senator CASH**—*Were any specific projects discussed by a minister with the department?*

**Ms Paul**—*The minister and his office had no involvement in this process. Mr Carters was the delegate, which I think is what he is trying to say.*