

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

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

Outcome **4**

DEEWR Question No. **EW490_10**

Senator Cash provided in writing.

Question

Disability Employment Network

What is the difference between the capped and uncapped programme? How many participants are in the Capped Programme? How many participants are in the uncapped programme? What is the average duration for uncapped participants?

Answer

The Disability Employment Network (DEN) capped stream provides employment assistance and on-the-job support to job seekers and workers who have an assessed future work capacity of eight or more hours per week and who require long-term support in the workplace and/or are unable to work at full wages.

The DEN uncapped stream provides employment assistance and post-placement support to participants receiving income support with part-time participation requirements, who have an assessed future work capacity of 15–29 hours per week with up to two years assistance.

At 30 September 2009, there were 36 423 participants in the capped stream and 18 858 in the uncapped stream.

For those clients in the uncapped stream who exited during the 2008–09 financial year, the average duration of assistance was 57.8 weeks from commencement in the DEN program.