

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

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

**Outcome/Agency**                    4

**DEEWR Question No.**            **EW494\_10**

Senator Cash provided in writing.

**Question**

*Disability Employment Network*

Has there been any notable decline in the participation of people with intellectual disabilities over the last few years?

**Answer**

As indicated in the response to EW496\_10, the most recent data available on the number of people in Australia with an intellectual disability is from the Australian Bureau of Statistics' 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and carers (ABS 4430.0 – 2003). It is not possible to draw conclusions about changes over time in the workforce participation of people with intellectual disability by comparing this 2003 data to current DEN participants.