SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10

Outcome **4**

DEEWR Question No. **EW504_10**

Senator Cash provided in writing.

Question

Small Area Labour Markets Data

Has DEEWR completely ceased collecting the Small Area Labour Markets Data, or is it just no longer publicly available?

Answer

DEEWR released the March quarter 2009 Small Area Labour Markets (SALM) publication on Friday, 6 November 2009. The delay in releasing the March quarter 2009 estimates was due to the transition from the 2001 Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) to the 2006 ASGC, which resulted in significant boundary changes.

It is anticipated that the June quarter 2009 issue of Small Area Labour Markets (SALM) will be released before the end of the year. Following the release of the September quarter 2009 publication (around mid to late January next year), SALM will return to its usual release schedule (usually around three months after the end of the reference quarter).