

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

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

Outcome 4

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

School Truancy Pilot

What extra resources or support have been provided for Centrelink social workers, financial counselling, schools and frontline services?

Answer

Centrelink has funded operational roles for staff to liaise with state and territory education authorities and to support Centrelink social workers to assist parents meet their school enrolment and attendance obligations, including by referral to financial counselling or other frontline services where appropriate. Funding for the School Enrolment and Attendance Measure (SEAM) extends to both the Northern Territory and Queensland trial sites. There is not a formal disaggregation of funding in each site, with Centrelink receiving a total of \$3.9 million in 2009–10 to manage enrolment and attendance processes.