

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

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

Outcome 3

DEEWR Question No. EW568_10

Senator Cash provided in writing.

Question

Productivity Places Program

On what date did each state and territory commence offering places for existing workers? On what date did each state and territory commence offering places for job seekers? On what date were they expected to commence offering these places?

Answer

All states and territories were delivering training places to existing workers under the Productivity Places Program (PPP) through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) during 2008 and 2009. This was a bridging arrangement to allow delivery from August 2008 and prior to the finalisation of the National Partnership Agreement on the PPP (NP PPP).

Whilst the Victorian Government was a participant in MoU arrangements it is not a signatory to the longer term arrangements for the PPP under the NP PPP. They signed a separate agreement with the Commonwealth which supports their reform process under *Securing Jobs for Your Future – Skills for Victoria*.

The delivery by the other seven states and territories of mainstream PPP places for both existing workers and job seekers under the NP PPP have come on line progressively through 2009 as part of overall state training provisions. States and territories have been set a calendar year target for delivery under the PPP above the level of state funded provision. Within this calendar year period states and territories have the flexibility to determine the timing of the delivery of overall training effort.

The table below identifies the month in which the first payment was made to states and territories under the NP PPP. The trigger for payment was an implementation plan that was agreed between the Commonwealth and the state or territory.

Jurisdiction	Month of first payment
NSW	May 2009
QLD	April 2009
WA	May 2009
SA	April 2009
TAS	April 2009
ACT	July 09
NT	May 2009