

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

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

Outcome/Agency **3**

DEEWR Question No. **EW569_10**

Senator Cash provided in writing.

Question

Productivity Places Program Audits

a) Is there a requirement for DEEWR to conduct audits of the Productivity places program?

If Yes:

b) What is the procedure for these audits?

c) Has DEEWR been undertaking audits?

d) How many providers have been audited?

e) How many providers have been audited more than once?

f) Please provide a list of these providers and the number of times that they have been audited.

Answers

a) Yes.

b) DEEWR expects to audit approximately 20 per cent of all PPP contracted Registered Training Organisations (RTOs). Audits begin with a desktop monitoring exercise, through which DEEWR requests a random sample of participant files from an RTO and assesses the compliance of each file against the requirements within the program guidelines and services contract.

If necessary, DEEWR may also request that the RTO performs a self audit, or the Department may undertake onsite monitoring to review up to 100 percent of all PPP participant files at that RTO.

c) Yes.

d) Including current exercises, the Department has monitored 55 RTOs to date.

e) Four

f) The auditing of RTOs contracted under PPP is still ongoing, they are not listed in order to avoid jeopardising any formal investigation or cause unwarranted business damage to RTOs.