

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

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

Outcome 3

DEEWR Question No. EW572_10

Senator Cash provided in writing.

Question

Productivity Places Program Withholding Payment

If DEEWR withholds payment of an invoice for a provider, pending further information, would DEEWR be informing the provider to continue training participants?

Answer

In the interest of program participants, DEEWR (in accordance with the program's services contract) would require that the provider continue to fulfil their training obligations while contract compliance issues are resolved. The exceptions would be if DEEWR had received advice from the relevant state registering authority that:

- The provider had such severe quality of training issues that they could not continue to deliver valid qualifications; or
- The qualification(s) in question had been removed from the provider's scope of delivery.