

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

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

**Outcome**                               **3**

**DEEWR Question No.**       **EW584\_10**

Senator Back provided in writing

**Question**

*The National Resources Sector Employment Taskforce*

“The purpose of Productivity Places Program appears to have a similar focus to the National Resource Sector Taskforce which would also broadly address areas of skilling that would also be of interest to the mining and resources industry.

Has there been any consideration that the outcomes of this Taskforce may be referred to this program that already has a training component?”

**Answer**

The terms of reference for the National Resources Sector Employment Taskforce are currently being finalised. The terms of reference will be announced following the first taskforce meeting on 16 November 2009.

The taskforce was announced to coordinate and review the adequacy of training available to the resources sector over the coming years. It does not have places or training funds specifically allocated to support its work, but it is expected to develop recommendations on the adequacy of existing training arrangements to meet the likely demand from the resource sector.