

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

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

**Outcome** 4

**DEEWR Question No. EW587\_10**

Senator Fifield provided in writing.

**Question**

*Golden Gurus*

How many and which member organisations are now signed up? Where are signed up member organisations located? Has the department refused any organisation to participate and why? Has any funding been provided to the 'member organisations' to manage, coordinate and assess Golden Gurus?

**Answer**

Organisations have until 30 November 2009 to apply to become a Member Organisation, in order to be promoted as part of the Golden Gurus community on the commencement of the program on 1 January 2010. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until 1 January 2012.

Applications from interested organisations are currently being assessed. As at 6 November 2009, none of these applications have been finalised.

The program will not provide funding directly to individual organisations. The Golden Gurus Quality Standards have been developed so that they closely align with the services that many organisations already provide. Organisations that are accepted into the Golden Gurus community will be provided with 'in kind' support, including the use of:

- an electronic version of the Golden Gurus logo (trademark pending)
- national promotion by the Australian Government as a member of the Golden Gurus community through a listing on the Golden Gurus website
- promotional materials to promote the organisation in the local community
- material to give volunteers or mentors to recognise the contribution they make to the community
- training for volunteers and mentors in a number of formats including live online interactive training sessions (Introduction to Golden Gurus, Cultural Awareness Training, Disability Awareness Training and Training for Ambassadors)
- an Ambassadors program that allows volunteers or mentors to be nominated to take a more 'hands on' role
- access to an online networking forum and regular online events (for members only).