

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

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

Outcome 4

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Senator Fifield provided in writing.

Question

Golden Gurus small businesses

How many small businesses have applied to participate in the program? How many small businesses have been successful in their application to participate in the program? Where are the successful small businesses located?

Answer

Small businesses have not been asked to participate in the program at this stage.

Small businesses interested in receiving the support of a Golden Guru will be able to approach a Member Organisation from 1 January 2010.

The Member Organisation will connect the small business owner to a suitable mentor using their existing processes (for example, screening and matching) according to the Golden Gurus Quality Guidelines.

Information about the participation of small businesses in the program will become available following the commencement of the program on 1 January 2010.