

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 20 OCTOBER 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(112) Program 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

On 31 July 2007, then Shadow Minister Tony Burke stated that "Labour will commit \$49.2 million to fixing the Government's English training program and to assist new arrivals find employment as soon as possible." Please provide a breakdown of funding for the AMEP since 2007/08.

Answer:

In the 2008 Budget, the Government committed \$49.2 million over four years commencing in the 2008-09 financial year to the Employment Pathways Program and the Traineeships in English and Work Readiness Programs within the Adult Migrant English Program.

The breakdown of expenditure on the AMEP for 2007-08 and 2008-09 and funding for 2008-09 is as follows:

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
	\$m (actual)	\$m (actual)	\$m (Budget)
AMEP Tutition and Related Services	157.8	169.7	195.6
Employment Pathways and Traineeships in English and Work Readiness	na	4.8	13.3
Total AMEP Appropriation	157.8	174.5	208.9