

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EM0749_15

Senator Collins provided in writing.

Question

JSA contracts - tender process

"How does the Department intend to carry out the full tender process for contracts with such limited time available? Will the Department have the same quantum of funds available for new contracts as indicated by the Government in the forward estimates? Is the Department expecting the new service provider contracts to be for the full four years as has previously been the case? Given the limited time available for the tender process, has the Department, Minister or Assistant Minister received any correspondence from stakeholders or providers concerned about the timeframes for possible new contracts? Given the limited time available for the tender process, has the Department, Minister or Assistant Minister received any correspondence from Members of Parliament concerned about timeframes for the new contract process? - If yes to either – can you please provide names of the author of said correspondence?"

Answer

The Australian Government has not announced the details of employment services arrangements to operate from 1 July 2015 or potential future purchasing processes. The Government will make an announcement in due course.