

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING
19 FEBRUARY 2004**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplaces

Output Group 2.2: Workplace relations implementation

Output 2.2.2: Industry and Australian Government Employment Advice

Question Number: W422-04

Question:

Senator Wong provided in writing:

- (a) In respect of the Econtech study, commissioned at a cost of \$76,500, about productivity in the building industry, were there any other tender proposals for this research other than the ultimately successful one by Econtech?
- (b) If so, who were the other tenderers?
- (c) Please provide a detailed timeline of all stages of the tender process in respect of the commissioning of this report.

Answer:

(a) Yes.

(b) Four organisations were invited to tender. The Department received tender proposals from:

- Econtech Pty Ltd to conduct the study jointly with Ernst & Young; and
- Centre of Policy Studies at Monash University.

(c) The timeline for the tender process was as follows:

- **18-19 November 2002** – Four organisations were contacted to confirm availability to under take this consultancy.
- **26 November 2002** – Four Organisations referred to in (b) were invited to submit their tender proposal to the Department by 4 December 2002.
- **6 December 2002** – Two tender proposals received by the Department mentioned in (b) were assessed. Econtech and Ernst & Young were selected. Econtech and the Centre of Policy Studies were informed on the outcome of the tender.