

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2013-2014

#### Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy

Department of Employment Question No. EM0130\_14

Senator Cameron asked on 27 February 2014, Hansard page 11

#### Question

##### Contract for Rex Deighton-Smith

Senator CAMERON: Has Rex Deighton-Smith provided the department with a strategy for the review? Ms Parker: He has a contract with the department, and there were public terms of reference. He has to fulfil the requirements of the contract, including consultation, and that is underway. It will be finished shortly. Senator CAMERON: Is that contract available? Ms Parker: Yes, it is. I cannot provide a copy of the contract. But the terms of reference are public and I can provide a copy. Senator CAMERON: Is it commercial in confidence? Is that what you are claiming? I would like a copy of the contract. Ms Parker: I will check, but I am sure it is fine to give you a copy of the contract. Senator CAMERON: What is Rex Deighton-Smith's background? Ms Parker: He has expertise in this area and he did some work for the previous government in this area. I do not actually have his CV with me. I would have to take that on notice. The department will be coming here again this evening, and there will be people here with all of the detail. I know you are going to be here. I can make sure they bring all of that with them, if that would assist. Senator CAMERON: That would be helpful. Thanks

#### Answer

A copy of the department's contract with Mr Deighton-Smith, with some sensitive personal and business information redacted, is at [Attachment A](#). The Deed of Variation to the Contract, which took effect on 14 March 2014, is provided at [Attachment B](#) with some sensitive personal and business information similarly redacted.