

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

**2006-2007 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
29TH AND 30TH MAY 2006
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group 1.2: Labour market programme management and delivery

Output 1.2.5: Employment preparation services

Question Number: W056-07

Question:

Senator Crossin asked in writing:

There seems to have been a significant change of service providers for JPET. Please provide details of the successful services who re-tendered for JPET services and those who tendered for the first time for the JPET program. Please explain why there has been such a significant change.

Answer:

As a result of a highly competitive tendering exercise for JPET services, undertaken as part of the Department's employment and related services purchasing process, 82 providers will deliver JPET services from 205 sites across Australia from 1 July 2006.

The majority of existing JPET providers will continue to provide services under the new funding deed, with 66 providers continuing, whilst 16 organisations are new to JPET service delivery. All tenders were rigorously assessed against published selection criteria aimed at securing the best value for money for the Commonwealth.

An independent external probity advisor has signed off that the employment and related services procurement exercise was conducted in accordance with the Request for Tender conditions and the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines.

The employment and related services purchasing outcomes and the remote employment and related services purchasing outcomes can be found at www.workplace.gov.au/ESPurchasing.