

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

**Outcome**            **4**

**DEEWR Question No. EW32\_09**

Senator Mason provided in writing.

**Question**

*Productivity Places Program*

What was the probity process for the tender assessment?

**Answer**

The process for engaging training organisations in the program was a Request to Participate, not a tender process. The probity requirements were different to those of a tender process because it was not a competitive procurement process. All eligible applicants are invited to contract with the department provided they meet the requirements (specified on p7 of the Request to Participate).

To be eligible to apply to deliver training under the program an organisation must be:

- (a) a Registered Training Organisation under the requirements of the Australian Quality Training Framework; and
- (b) able to deliver nationally endorsed qualifications that are eligible qualifications determined in accordance with the Priority Occupations list for the Productivity Places Program.