

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

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

**Outcome**            4

**DEEWR Question No. EW034\_09**

Senator Mason asked on 5 June 2008, provided in writing.

**Question**

*Productivity Places Program*

What is the Department's probity policy for tender assessments?

**Answer**

In respect of procurement tender processes, the Department ensures probity by evaluating tenders in accordance with pre-established evaluation processes and published evaluation criteria intended to ensure value for money for the Australian Government and fairness to all prospective tenderers. The exact nature of the evaluation process and particular probity measures adopted in a particular tender will depend on the circumstances of the particular tender having regard to factors including but not limited to the number of anticipated tenderers, the estimated cost of the procurement, the number and experience of personnel involved in tender evaluation, and the complexity, risks and significance of the particular procurement to the Australian Government.