

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome: 4

DEEWR Question No. EW0001_10

Senator Cash provided in writing

Question

At what point in the 7 step decision making process were additional ESPs offered business in the ESAs (which were discussed with Ms Golightly this morning). Was it during the 7 step process or after the completion of the 7 step process? Who made the decision to offer the additional ESPs business in the ESAs?

Answer

The decision to make offers of business to tenderers who did not receive a preferred tenderer service advice was made following the conclusion of the seven levels of consideration and quality assurance. This decision was made by the departmental delegate.