

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

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

**Question No. EW0202\_10**

Senator Cash asked on 1 June 2009, Hansard page 42.

**Question**

What is the actual protocol that applies to the Minister: is it the same protocol that applies to the department as applies to the minister?

**Answer**

There was a single communication protocol that applied to the Employment Services Tender: the *Communication Protocol for Dealing with Existing Service Providers and Tenderers*, which was set out at Appendix E to the *Employment Services 2009-12 Request for Tender*. The former Minister voluntarily abided by the protocol.