

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Eggleston provided in writing.

Question

WORK CONDITIONS

What steps are the Government and the Department taking to ensure that overseas companies tendering for Government contracts will be required to comply with the same workplace conditions as Australian companies (like many in our TCF industry) in order to provide Australian companies with the best chance to compete?

Answer

Section 4.6 of the *Fair Work Principles User Guide* requires overseas suppliers to undertake that they will comply with all applicable workplace relations, occupational health and safety and workers' compensation laws in the country in which they are based.

This requirement is also reflected in the model tender and contract clauses provided in the *Fair Work Principles User Guide* and will therefore be subject to contract monitoring and compliance.