

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

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

Outcome/Agency **4**

DEEWR Question No. **EW531_10**

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

What was the timeline originally promulgated for the tender process for disability employment services? Has this been revised? If so, how and why? What reduction in response times from potential tenderers were caused by the revision of these timelines?

Answer

There has been no revision of the timeline.

The *Request for Tender for Disability Employment Services 2010-2012* published a timetable indicating the announcement of the tender results and dispatch of offers and Deeds on 9 December 2009.

The timing of the Invitation to Treat (ITT) for Disability Employment Services 2010-2012 Program B process was the subject of wide consultation with stakeholders regarding the process and the timing.

There was no reduction in the time for responses for either process.