

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

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

Outcome **Corporate**
DEEWR Question No. **EW593_10**

Senator Mason asked on 21 October 2009, EEWHR Hansard pages 13 and 14.

Question

AusTender contract notices—Speechwriting and editing contract confidentiality

Senator MASON—This goes back to my point, Mr Kriz, about, it says confidential, so you go ‘oh’. I asked the question and when I was rereading the transcript I realised that—inadvertently, I am sure—you had not answered that question. I slipped up, not you Ms Pearce. I did not pursue it. Could you now readdress that?

Ms Pearce—I am just trying to find out which one you are talking about. Are you talking about—

Senator MASON—I have got page seven of the transcript from Monday, 1 June.

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Senator MASON—Why is that confidential. Why was that?

Ms Pearce—I will have to take it on notice. As you can see, under ‘confidentiality of the contract’ it says no.

Senator MASON—Can you look at that, Ms Pearce, and tell me why that was confidential?

Ms Pearce—Yes, Senator.

Answer

Whilst the contract was not reported as confidential, the reference to confidentiality of contract outputs was made due to the standard privacy clauses contained in the contract, thought to be relevant when published. This has been reviewed and the Aus Tender reference amended.