

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

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DEEWR Question No. EW654_10

Senator CASH asked on 21 October 2009, EEW R Hansard page 98, 99 and 108.

Question

Who attended the meeting in February 2008 between A4e executives, Minister Gillard's office and Minister O'Connor's office on behalf of the government and on behalf of A4e and was there any departmental representative at the meeting?

Answer

A senior advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister met with executives from British work placement firm A4e in February 2008. This meeting was also attended by an advisor to the then Minister for Employment Participation.

There was no departmental representative at the meeting in February 2008.

This meeting occurred well before the release of the Request for Tender in September 2008.