

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

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

Outcome/Agency **4**

DEEWR Question No. **EW663_10**

Senator Ronaldson asked on 21 October 2009, EEWL Hansard page 111.

Question

Was A4e one of the organisations which were brought in as additional providers between 16 March 2009 and 31 March 2009?

Answer

As specified in part 4.14 of the *Request for Tender for Employment Services 2009-2012*, the department issued preliminary advice to preferred tenderers on 16 March 2009. No final decisions had been made at the time of the preferred tenderer advice.

As a result of this review, additional providers were identified as being required for certain ESAs.

A4e was not one of those additional providers.

Detailed consideration, assessment and quality assurance, all overseen by the probity adviser, preceded the department's final decisions being made.