

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

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

Outcome 3

DEEWR Question No. EW780_10

Senator Back provided in writing.

Question

Government contract for provision of services to administer the new Formal Skills Assessment

- When did this go out to tender?
- How many submissions were received and from which organisations and who were the successful tenderers?
- Who were the winning organisations?
- Do they have experience in assessing formal trade skills?
- Detail the funding that has been allocated to the provision of these services to Government.
- With so many 457s needing to be processed off-shore was it a requirement to have off-shore branches/facilities particularly when skills need to be assessed?

Answer

- a) An expression of Interest (EOI) for the provision of assessment services (PRN 23265) was released on the Australian Government AusTender website on Friday 8 May 2009.
- b) A total of 17 submissions were received.
- c) The five RTOs endorsed by the selection panel to provide services are:
 - VETASSESS Consortium
 - Victoria University
 - Swinburne University
 - William Angliss Institute
 - Hospitality Training Association
- d) Yes.
- e) Assessments are conducted on a cost recovery basis.
- f) Yes.