

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 3 - Tertiary, Skills, International and Indigenous Strategy**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0677\_12**

**Senator Rhiannon provided in writing.**

**Question**

***VET Tender process***

Are you aware that some private VET providers are sub-contracting their contracted services to other providers and back to TAFE because they cannot meet their contractual obligations? Can you provide details of where and when this has occurred? Do you plan to investigate or review this matter?

**Answer**

The Department is aware that sub-contracting arrangements occur through some private VET providers.

These arrangements do not necessarily indicate a failure to meet contractual obligations but, rather, are provided for in the contractual arrangements between the Commonwealth and training providers for the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program and Australian Apprenticeships Access Program.

All sub-contracting arrangements must be pre-approved by the department.