

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 3 – Employment

DEEWR Question No. EW0566_13

Senator Sinodinos provided in writing.

Question

JSA Job Seekers

Is it correct that the Department is now requiring all compliance statements to be physically signed by employers, to confirm the employment of a JSA job seeker? Is this also the case where the employer is located potentially hundreds of kilometres away? When did the Department decide that forms would have to be physically signed, instead of allowing the Job Services Provider to confirm employment of a job seeker over the phone?

Answer

No. Both employers and job seekers are able to confirm employment.

While a signed statement is required, it may also be in email format with an electronic signature. Electronic signatures satisfy the Department's Documentary Evidence requirements.