

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

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Inquiry into the DEEWR Tender Process to award employment services contracts

EEWR_SIH_H68

Senator Fifield asked on 11 June 2009, EEWL Hansard page 83.

Question

Can you take on notice whether there was a relevant clause in the ESC3 that expressly prohibited a contract extension?

Answer

The Employment Services Contracts 2006-2009 (ESC3) do not contain a clause that expressly prohibits a contract extension. However, it was not open to the Commonwealth to extend ESC3 for the vast majority of Job Network and New Enterprise Incentive Scheme business due to the operation of the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines, and because there were no available unexhausted extension options remaining in these contracts (see answer to EEWL_SIH_H65).