

**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_H71

Senator Fifield asked on 11 June 2009, EEWL Hansard page 87.

Question

Can you check whether there was any communication between the minister, the minister's staff and the department on the Nepean ESA other than those instances we have already discussed?

Answer

In the time available, using the information referred to the Employment Services Purchasing Hotline during the tender process, the Department has identified three contacts relating to tenderers for the Nepean ESA and one contact relating to a public event attended by the probity adviser.

Reporting of such contact is in accordance with the Communications Protocol.

There was no communication with the Department from the Minister or the Minister's staff regarding the outcomes for the Nepean ESA other than the briefings already discussed.