

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Inquiry into the DEEWR Tender Process to award employment services contracts**

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Senator Fifield asked on 11 June 2009, EEWL Hansard page 89.

**Question**

Was NESAs on a reference group at the time when we did not have providers on the reference group? (in relation to did NESAs have any information which was not available to other tenderers)

**Answer**

As part of the process of normal business, the department and NESAs met regularly to discuss matters relevant to the operation of the current employment services market and of interest to the industry. These meetings were attended by senior departmental officers and the Chief Executive Officer of NESAs and/or other relevant NESAs administrative personnel.

NESAs was also a member of the Information Technology Advisory Group and the Charter of Contract Management and Quality Working Group, which both comprised of peak bodies and did not include providers. All members and participants received a probity briefing and were required to complete a Deed of Confidentiality.