

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

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Inquiry into the DEEWR Tender Process to award employment service contracts

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

How was the optimum mix of providers determined?

Answer

The mix of providers contracted was the consequence of applying the value for money principles outlined in the RFT for the procurement of employment services.

Value for money is the optimum combination of the quality of services and other factors including diversity, coverage, meeting the needs of specific client groups and job seekers in general, and minimising risk exposure for the Australian Government. The characteristics of the ESA, conditionality and tenderers' preferred bid ranges were also considered in the comparative assessment of tenders.