

**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 Back provided in writing.

**Question**

Do any of the members of the selection panel have past experience as employers, service providers or past jobseekers/ users of government sponsored employment services?

**Answer**

The Tender Review Committee (TRC) contained senior officers of the Department with extensive and in depth experience in, and knowledge of, employment services and the objectives to be achieved by the new integrated model.

Members of the TRC as well as staff involved in tender assessment and review have an exceptionally wide range of personal and professional experience in the public service, the employment services sector (including expertise in working with job seekers) and in the community.

In addition, job seekers, providers, industry representatives, employers and other stakeholders were extensively consulted on the future direction of employment services. Their input figured significantly in the design of Job Services Australia and the associated purchasing process.