

**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 Back provided in writing.

Question

- a) How many non Australian companies/consortia (external) submitted applications?
- b) How many were successful? (number and % of the total)
- c) What proportion of the overall contracts does this represent (numbers of contracts, clients and value)?
- d) Can you provide this information broken down by State and Territory also?

Answer

All organisations delivering employment services are registered Australian entities.

- a) Three (3) organisations who identified overseas based parent entities submitted tenders for Stream Services.
- b) These 3 organisations were successful in gaining Stream Services business.
 - One organisation is an existing provider of employment and related services.
 - The 2 new entrants were awarded less than 2 per cent of business.
- c)-d) These 3 organisations are around 2 per cent of organisations contracted in their own right or as part of a tendering group to deliver Job Services Australia Stream Services.

The Government has allocated \$4.9 billion over three years for Job Services Australia.

Stream Services in Job Services Australia are demand driven. The number of job seekers in Stream Services assisted by a Provider will be affected by the number of job seekers registering with Centrelink, the provider's business levels in Employment Service Areas and job seeker choice.

As is the case with the current Job Network, the Department does not guarantee the level or type of Stream participants that will be referred to the provider.

Given the small number of organisations involved, any further breakdown will disclose information relating to the business affairs of identifiable organisations and it is not appropriate to divulge this information without consulting them in case its disclosure could substantially and adversely affect the business, commercial or financial affairs of these organisations.