

**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_W34

Senator Back provided in writing.

Question

Did the panel interview, contact or speak to “external” providers as a part of the tender process?

Answer

The department did not interview any tenderers. See question EEWL_SIH_W46.

In accordance with the Request for Tender the Department can contact tenderers at any stage during the evaluation process, including during business allocation and as part of the contract negotiations. The department did make contact with a number of tenderers to clarify claims in their tender.