

**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 on provided in writing.

Question

How were the preferred business levels indicated in the bids taken into account in the tender evaluation process?

Answer

Consistent with section 4.14.3 of the Request for Tender (RFT) preferred business levels included in bids were taken into account in the business allocation stage of the tender evaluation. Tenderers bid for their preferred business level in an Employment Service Area (ESA) as a percentage range. The Department reserved the right to offer to tenderers business outside their bid range within an ESA. The bid ranges nominated by tenderers were one consideration in comparative assessment of tenders along with characteristics of the ESA, conditionality, coverage, diversity, meeting the needs of specific client groups and job seekers in general, and any risk exposure for the Australian Government.

The Department endeavoured to allocate business in accordance with a tenderer's preferred bid range. If business could not be allocated in accordance with the preferred minimum and maximum share the tenderer might not have been contracted to deliver the service in that ESA.