

**Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

**Outcome 3 - Employment**

**DEEWR Question No. CA0018\_14**

**Senator Payne asked on 7 June 2013, Hansard page 65**

**RJCP - EOIs received after cut off date**

**Question**

Senator PAYNE: We were speaking about the extension of the cut-off date to 28 November. Were any EOIs lodged after 28 November that were considered?

Ms Milliken: I would need to take on notice whether there were any in the immediate period after that.

Senator PAYNE: Can I give you a breakdown for that then, if you would? Can you indicate whether any EOIs were lodged after the cut-off date and why was that permitted, given the cut-off date had already been extended? Can you indicate how many days or weeks after the cut-off date they were lodged? You probably will not tell me this, but can you tell me the names of any entities that did lodge after the cut-off date? As a subset to that question, can you give me the names of any entities that lodged after the cut-off date that were successful?

Ms Milliken: My recollection—and I will take it on notice—is that there were no applications that were received or lodged beyond the initial week, so they were ones where they were in train and there were technical issues about them not being able to be received on the day of closure. But there were none that were received beyond immediately after the applications closed. But I will follow that up.

**Answer**

Two submissions in response to the *Call of Expressions of Interest for the conduct the Remote Jobs and Communities Program 2013–2018* (the EOI) were lodged after 5.30 pm on 28 November 2013, as follows:

**Applicant A** submitted its application through the Employment Services Purchasing Hotline email address at 6.08 pm on 28 November 2012. The organisation advised that the application was being submitted via the Hotline, rather than AusTender, due to power problems as the result of a storm.

**Applicant B** telephoned the Employment Services Purchasing Hotline at approximately 5.51 pm on Wednesday, 28 November 2012 to advise that, due to IT issues, they had been unable to upload their application into AusTender. The applicant emailed the application to both the Employment Services Purchasing Hotline and AusTender email addresses, however the emails were not delivered.

On Thursday 29 November 2012 it was identified that due to a recent IT upgrade, the applicant's firewall had been adjusted to restrict the size of files leaving the organisation. The application was successfully received into the Employment Services Purchasing Hotline's email address at 6.08 pm on Thursday, 29 November 2012.

For both applicants, as the documents were time and date stamped prior to the EOI closing time and date, their applications proceeded to evaluation. Neither of the applications was successful.