

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Question No. EW0200_10

Senator Cash asked on 1 June 2009, Hansard page 33 and 42.

Question

Can you provide a list of meetings [such as consulting with peak bodies like NESAs] that the probity adviser did attend and those which the person did not?

Answer

As part of the process of normal business, the department and NESAs met regularly to discuss matters relevant to the operation of the current employment services market and of interest to the industry. These meetings were attended by senior departmental officers and the Chief Executive Officer of NESAs and/or other relevant NESAs administrative personnel.

NESAs was also a member of the Information Technology Advisory Group and the Charter of Contract Management and Quality Working Group, which both comprised peak bodies and did not include providers.

NESAs was also a member of the Transition Reference Group which did include providers. The Probity Advisor or a representative of the Probity Advisor attended every Transition Reference Group meeting.

All members of, and participants in, meetings of these Groups received a probity briefing and were required to complete a Deed of Confidentiality.