

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Cormann asked on 31/05/2010, Hansard page 7.

Question

JOB SERVICES AUSTRALIA TENDERS

Are there instances where the providers you have contracted, as part of your tender last year, then turned around and subcontracted an unsuccessful tenderer who previously held that contract?

Answer

As at 31 March 2010, the Department had approved subcontracting arrangements for eleven former employment service providers who were unsuccessful in gaining an Employment Services Deed 2009-2012 in their own right.

In approving any requests to subcontract by a Job Services Australia provider, the Department considers how that subcontractor will be used, what strategies would be put in place to utilise the services of that subcontractor and what internal management processes are in place by the Job Services Australia provider to manage performance.