

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

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

Outcome/Agency **4**

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Question

Senator CASH—Have any JSA providers handed back their contracts, either prior to the contract start date or since then? What was the reason for them handing it back?

Answer

One successful Tenderer chose not to execute the *Employment Services Deed 2009-2012*, before 1 July 2009. The provider did not wish to accept the amount of business that was offered.

One other successful Tenderer executed the Deed, but that contract was subsequently terminated by consent, in August 2009. The provider did not wish to accept the amount of business that was offered.

In each instance the business was allocated to other suitable and available Providers offering services in the relevant locations.

Since 1 July 2009 one Provider has novated all employment service contracts to another Provider. The provider advised its decision was based on restructuring its organization to consolidate and refocus on the Community Housing aspect of its business.