SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10

Outcome **3**

DEEWR Question No. **EW782_10**

Senator Back provided in writing.

Question

The following questions relate to the Interview component of the Formal Skills Assessment:

a) How is the interview conducted and;
b) how long does it take?
c) How is this component assessed?
d) Does it involve any practical assessment of the applicant's skills?
e) Are there any international branches for offshore applications to be interviewed?
f) If no, how is this carried out?

Answer

a) The technical interview is conducted by an Australian qualified workplace assessor.

b) DEEWR service standards require that the full assessment process be completed within 7 weeks of commencement. Within this timeframe the RTO has discretion over the timing of each element of the process.

c) The technical interview is used to gather evidence against the competencies of the relevant qualification.

d) The service delivery and assessment arrangements provide for RTOs to undertake practical assessments where this is deemed necessary.

e) Yes.

f) In the case where and RTO does not maintain a permanent presence offshore alternative arrangements include but are not limited to:

- Fly in, Fly out services
- Remote, technology based services (video conference, web based solutions etc)
- Onshore services