

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 3 - Tertiary, Skills, International and Indigenous Strategy

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Senator Rhiannon provided in writing.

Question

VET Tender process

Are you aware that NSW DET have waived the requirements of some VET providers to provide lists of existing teachers and facilities during the tender process, claiming that it would be 'unfair' to expect those private providers to have those resources and facilities already in place? How do you view this? Have you or will you review this matter?

Answer

The National Agreement for Skills and Workforce Development (NASWD) does not provide for Commonwealth involvement in state and territory government tendering processes. This is a matter for state administration. In the current round of NASWD negotiations, however, the Commonwealth has made clear that recognition and support for the public provider is important in the execution of state government administrative responsibilities.