

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000606

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing

Skills Service Organisations - political donors

Question

Is there a stage of the process that identifies political donors to the Government? If this is the case, how is this managed?

Were any political donors identified amongst the list of successful applicants?

Answer

The provision of information on political donations was not a requirement of the Expression of Interest to operate as a Skills Service Organisations. The Expression of Interest was conducted in accordance with the Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines and the *Public Governance Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.

The Department of Education and Training appointed an external Probity Adviser to assist in ensuring that all proposals assessed by the department were analysed fairly, uniformly and transparently and in accordance with relevant Commonwealth policies.