

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 1 - Employment

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Senator Cameron asked on 01 June 2015 on proof Hansard page 47

Question

Provider region

Mr Hehir: We did have a discussion with one provider to see if they were prepared to accept a slightly lower percentage, but it was marginally lower. They were happy to.

Senator CAMERON: What region was that in?

Mr Hehir: I would need to take that on notice.

Answer

Prior to being offered jobactive (employment services) business, in the following Employment Regions, four Tenderers were contacted by the Department of Employment to see if they would accept marginally less than the minimum level of business specified in their tender response:

- Adelaide North, South Australia
- Wimmera Mallee, Victoria
- Western Melbourne, Victoria
- South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula, Victoria

In all cases Tenderers confirmed their willingness to accept less than the minimum business specified in their tender responses.

The approaches to Tenderers were in accordance with Section 7.2.2 (Bid Ranges – Employment Provider) of the Request for Tender, which advised Tenderers that, while they would not generally be offered business outside their bid range, the department reserved the right to do so.