

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000622

Senator Cameron, Doug asked on 31 May 2017, Proof Hansard page 100

Assessment for TAFE and Navitas

Question

Senator CAMERON: Can you provide me copies of the assessment for TAFE and Navitas?

Mr Morling: I would have to take that on notice, because that is confidential information with third parties.

Senator CAMERON: It is expenditure of funds by the Commonwealth that is what it is.

Mr Morling: Sure, I understand.

Senator CAMERON: You understand you have got a responsibility to answer questions on funding expenditure?

Mr Morling: Sure, I will take it on notice.

Answer

All tender assessment reports relating to the Adult Migrant English Program and Skills for Education and Employment program Request for Tender are commercial-in-confidence. Attachment B, of the Government Guidelines for Official Witnesses before Parliamentary Committees and Related Matters (February 2015) deals with the provision of commercial-in-confidence material to the Senate. Attachment B states that 'As a general guide, it would be inappropriate to disclose information that could disadvantage a contractor and advantage their competitors in future tender processes' to a senate committee.

The disclosure of tender assessment reports which for example contain information about price for services delivered, could disadvantage TAFE and Navitas and advantage their competitors in future tender rounds.