

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

**Outcome 3 - Employment**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0022\_14**

**Senator Cameron provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Consultation process regarding employment service provider contracts**

1. What consultation process has been undertaken in relation to the existing contracts? 2. Has the Government sought advice from the Department regarding the existing contracts? 3. Has the Department been commissioned to provide any advice on the existing contracts? 4. What information has the Department provided to the Government on the existing contracts? 5. Has the Minister sought any advice from the Department regarding the existing contracts? 6. Has the Department given any advice to the Minister on the existing contracts? 7. What advice has the Department given the Minister regarding rolling over the existing contracts? 8. What consultation process has been undertaken in relation to rolling over the existing contracts? 9. Has the Government consulted with the community regarding renewing or rolling over the existing contracts? 10. Has the Government considered the impact on the community of renewing or rolling over the existing contracts?

**Answer**

1. As a matter of course the Government consults regularly with stakeholders about current JSA contracts.

2 - 7. The Department provides advice to the Minister on a wide range of matters. Such advice is not made public in the interests of ensuring Ministers continue to seek and receive comprehensive advice on their portfolio responsibilities.

8 - 9. The Government has consulted with a range of stakeholders and is currently considering options regarding Job Services Australia contracts from 1 July 2015, including for further consultations.

10. The Government's consideration of options regarding Job Services Australia contracts from 1 July 2015 includes the impact any changes will have on the community.