

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-001028**

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing

***Energy Industry Apprentice Progression Management System***

**Question**

- Did the Department compare the NECA proposal with the “Energy Industry Apprentice Progression Management System” (EIAPMS) commonwealth funded project prior to awarding the grant to NECA? If yes, provide details of the analysis made.
- What consideration did the Department give to NECA receiving over \$7 million from their involvement in the EIAPMS project, prior to awarding NECA funds for the AT-ADP?

**Answer**

Yes, the Department of Education and Training compared the National Electrical and Communications Association’s (NECA) proposal with the ‘Energy Industry Apprentice Progression Management System’ (EIAPMS) project, which was funded under the Australian Apprenticeships Mentoring Program and the Australian Apprenticeships Advisers Program, by comparing the proposal to the EIAPMS project documentation, including the funding agreement and project reports.

The department considered NECA’s alternative delivery proposal builds on the work completed under the EIAPMS.