

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 2 - Schools

DEEWR Question No.EW0082_11

Senator Mason provided in writing.

Question

BER – CONTRACTS AWARDED BASED ON UNION MEMBERSHIP

To DEEWR's knowledge, were contracts only awarded to companies that have standing union agreements in place?

Answer

All BER tendering and procurement activity is undertaken by the respective education authority for projects within their jurisdiction. In instances where individual schools are managing their own projects, tendering and procurement activity would be undertaken by the school. As such the contract arrangements are a matter for the education authority and/or school and DEEWR does not have any information about the workplace relations arrangements of contractors.