

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome *Corporate and Network*

DEEWR Question No. EW597_10

Senator Mason asked on Wed 21 October 2009, EEWL Hansard page 17 & 18.

Question

Contract Notices reported on AusTender within six weeks.

Allowing for that, how many [contracts] are posted within six weeks?

Over the past 12 months how many contract notices tendered by the department or placed on the web were placed within the six weeks? Can you do that?

Answer

The *Guidance on Procurement Publishing Obligations* (Section 5.2), published by the Department of Finance and Deregulation requires the Department to publish reportable contracts within six weeks of entering into the arrangement or as soon as possible.

In the last 12 months DEEWR has published 2079 contracts. 23 percent were published within six weeks of the contract start date between November 2008 and June 2009. This financial year to the end of October 2009, 46 percent were published within six weeks of the contract start date.

The Department continues to improve compliance with the reporting requirement.