

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

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

Outcome 4

DEEWR Question No. EW674_10

Senator Cash asked on 21 October 2009, EEWR Hansard page 122.

Question

Was JN Solutions congratulating UCA Assembly Limited prior to the probity period ending a breach of probity investigated by the Department.

Answer

The Department understands that JN Solutions congratulated UCA Assembly Limited on 19 March 2009 as a result of the announcement on 3 March 2009 of UCA Assembly Limited being appointed to the Innovation Fund Panel, which was one of the services covered by the *Request for Tender for Employment Services 2009-2012*.

The outcomes in respect of the Innovation Fund Panel were published on the employment Purchasing website on 3 March 2009 and UCA Assembly Limited was listed as a successful tenderer in relation to the panel.

In those circumstances, it was publicly known for fifteen days that UCA Assembly Limited had been successful for some elements of the *Request for Tender for Employment Services 2009-2012* before the congratulations were offered, so that there is no basis for any assumption of any breach of probity.