

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

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**Outcome/Program:** 1/1.1

**Topic:** Coordinated communication from agencies

**Senator:** Siewert

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**Question:**

**Senator SIEWERT:** I misunderstood you. My original proposition is not correct. I will get one letter from FaHCSIA, one letter from DoHA and one letter from DEEWR if I have got relationships or contracts with each of those. If I have got three contracts within FaHCSIA I will get one letter.

**Mr Tune:** If that is all you have got, but if you have got three in FaHCSIA, two in Health and four in DEEWR, hopefully we will get them all into the one letter.

**Senator SIEWERT:** You will still get all of them into the one letter.

**Mr Tune:** That is the intention, isn't it?

**Mr Saunders:** It may not be possible but the aim is to coordinate as much as possible.

**Senator Wong:** If we can find the money we can cost it. But we cannot send one letter, right? Is that how it works?

**Senator SIEWERT:** Can I ask you to take it on notice, because for an organisation there is a significant difference between getting three letters and getting one that says, 'This is your offer; this is what you will get from DEEWR.'

**Answer:**

It is proposed that providers will receive a separate letter from each Department with which they have a funding agreement with workers affected by the equal remuneration case. That letter will summarise all the supplementation amounts that will be provided by that Department.

The process is yet to be finalised, but the intent is to streamline communications to the greatest extent possible.