



## **Employment Services Industry slams delay in announcement of tenders**

The peak body for providers of Government employment services, NESAs\*, has expressed extreme disappointment in the delay of the announcement today about the details of the successful tenderers for the provision of the new employment services under Job Services Australia.

Sally Sinclair, CEO said today: "We are very disappointed that the promised announcements detailing the successful tenderers for new employment services is delayed today."

"The very unfortunate delay in advising providers has added enormously to the stress and distress of many executives and their staff," Sally said.

"Our members have been waiting all day, and some of them are still to be advised if they are successful or not, and for those that did win business, what contracts will be provided," Sally said.

"This delay has made it extremely difficult for employees of these organisations waiting to hear, and is very regrettable," Sally said.

"Many of our members are waiting to tell their staff whether or not they will have a job come July 1. It is really unacceptable that they have had to wait so long," Sally said.

"We understand that technical difficulties have caused the DEEWR system to crash," Sally said.

The Industry is keen to focus on the smooth transition to the new model which will commence on July 1 to be known as Job Services Australia..

With Government assistance, the National Employment Services Association, NESAs, has established a website to help the employment services industry to transition to Job Services Australia.

The website address is: [www.esconnect.com.au](http://www.esconnect.com.au)

*\*NESAs, the National Employment Services Association is the peak, representative industry body for all providers of Australian Government contracted employment and related services.  
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