

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014

Finance Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance

Outcome/Program: 1/1.1

Topic: Register of contract and grant recipients

Senator: Wong

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Question:

1. Has work commenced on the centralised register of Commonwealth contract and grant recipients, which is to be administered by Finance as per the Government's Boosting Productivity and Reducing Regulation policy?
 - (a) If so, which branch in Finance is responsible for this register?
 - (b) Are any additional financial resources required to set up the register?
2. If work has not commenced on the register, why not?

Answer:

1. Yes, work has commenced. AusTender provides centralised publication of Commonwealth Government business opportunities, annual procurement plans, multi-use lists and contracts awarded. The AusTender platform will be used to develop the grants system. The project to build grants.gov.au is currently in its scoping phase.

Resource Management Branch is leading the scoping phase with technical input from Procurement Policy Branch.

Finance received funding in the 2013-14 Budget to develop a web based whole-of-government grants registration, application and reporting system. No additional financial resources are required.

2. N/A.