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Program: n/a
Division/Agency: Western Sydney Unit
Topic: Value of the Ernst & Young Contract for Business Adviser Services for a Second Sydney Airport
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Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

On Christmas Eve, the Unit notified award of a contract to Ernst & Young for Business Adviser Services for Second Sydney Airport, at an estimates value of just over $3 million.

1. What is this for?
2. What is the scope of the contract, as expressed in the contract?

Answer:

The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development undertook an open approach to the market (advertised on 12 June 2014) for Business Adviser (BA) services to support the Government’s future consideration for an airport to be developed at Badgerys Creek in western Sydney. Ernst & Young (EY) was assessed as the preferred tenderer for the BA services and its contract with the Department was executed on 1 August 2014.

The notification in Austender on 24 December 2014 was in relation to a variation to this contract. The variation was executed on 23 December 2014 to the value of $3,192,635.60 (GST incl.) for the provision of specialist technical airport design and costing services, which will assist the BA in the delivery of its services.
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1. What entity will ultimately be responsible for determining the name of the airport at Badgerys Creek?
2. When will a name be nominated?
3. Is this a matter to be determined by:
   a. The Federal Government? If so, who or what agency?
   b. The State Government? If so, who or what agency?
   c. The operator of the airport?
4. What opportunity will there be for the general public to nominate names and participate in choosing the name?
5. What names is the division aware of at this point?

Answer:

1. 3. 4. As a potential Commonwealth leased airport, it would be open to the Australian Government to determine the process for naming the airport.
2. The Government has not yet determined a process or timing for naming the airport.
5. The division is aware of the following names that have been proposed either in correspondence or public statements: Lawrence Hargrave, John Bradfield, Rollo Kingsford Smith, Andrew Delfosse Badgery, Len Waters, William Evert Hart and Nancy Bird Walton.