

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

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Senator Mason asked on 30/05/2011, Hansard page 9.

Question

Contracts Valued Less Than \$10,000

Senator MASON: Could someone find out whether the proportion of contracts valued less than \$10,000 is increasing? Mr Manthorpe: We can take it on notice.

Answer

The department does not systematically store details of all contracts valued less than \$10,000. However, the transactional details associated with payments valued at less than \$10,000 as extracted from the financial management system for the period 2008-09 to 2010-11 are provided below and provide a representation of contract expenditure for this value. This data excludes:

- information from grants or large procurements held in interfacing management systems; and
- transactions that relate to travel paid through credit cards.

Financial Year	Total Transactions	Total Value \$	Average Value \$
2008-09	44,938	60,003,969	1,335
2009-10	44,864	64,869,707	1,446
2010-11 (ytd @ 27 May 2011)	32,695	53,497,528	1,636