

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Payne provided in writing.

Question

Indigenous Opportunities Policy - contracts

What proportion of government procurement contracts are expected to be covered by this policy? How many contracts are expected to be covered annually, and what is the estimated total value?

Answer

At this early stage of implementation it is not possible to estimate how many contracts will be covered by the Indigenous Opportunities Policy. As at 30 September 2011 references to the Policy had been identified in five approaches to market documentation.

643 contract notices published between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011 met the IOP monetary threshold. These contracts had an estimated value of over \$21.18 billion. It is not known how many of these contracts occurred in regions with a significant Indigenous population.