



THE SENATE

**FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**Parliamentary Joint Committee on Public Consultancy and Services Contract Bill 2025**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Friday 20 February 2026**

**Committee Room 2S1  
Parliament House, Canberra**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
2.00 pm	<b>Honorary Professor Andrew Podger</b> ( <i>Submission 4</i> ) <b>Professor Brendan Lyon</b> ( <i>Submission 11</i> )
2.40 pm	<b>Institute of Management Consultants (IMC)</b> ( <i>Submission 8</i> ) Mr Peter Westlund (by video conference), National President & Board Chair
3.10 pm	<b>Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU Group)</b> ( <i>Submission 7</i> ) Mr Osmond Chiu (by video conference), Senior Policy and Research Officer
<b>3.40 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
3.50 pm	<b>Centre for International Corporate Tax Accountability and Research (CICTAR)</b> ( <i>Submission 6</i> ) Mr Jason Ward, Principal Analyst <b>Tax Justice Network Australia (TJN-Aus)</b> ( <i>Submission 6</i> ) Dr Mark Zirnsak (by video conference), Spokesperson
4.20 pm	<b>Department of Finance</b> ( <i>Submission 1</i> ) Mr Andrew Danks, First Assistant Secretary, Procurement Division, Commercial Group Mr Robert Bradley, Assistant Secretary, Strategic Contracting, Procurement Division, Commercial Group Mr Gareth Sebar, Assistant Secretary, Procurement Policy, Procurement Division, Commercial Group <b>Department of Education</b> ( <i>Submission 2</i> ) Mr Marcus Markovic, Deputy Secretary, Corporate and Enabling Services Group Mr Craig Boyd, First Assistant Secretary, Financial Management Division Mrs Ebony Taylor, Assistant Secretary, Financial and Resource Management Branch <b>Digital Transformation Agency (DTA)</b> ( <i>Submission 3</i> ) Mr Simon Quarrell, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Digital Investment Advice and Servicing Mr Jamie Whitcombe, Branch Manager, Portfolio Assurance Ms Monique Carew, Director, Project Performance & Escalation Mr Andrew Conway, Director, Digital Marketplace 2
<b>5.10 pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>

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