

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 905

Topic: Prequalified, Multi-use list tenders

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. Does the Department/Agency have existing Prequalified or Multi-use list panels for tenders?
2. Please list all Prequalified or Multi-use list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the department/agency?
3. Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest- financial or otherwise - in any of the firms on your panels?
4. Do any Ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels?
5. Do any Ministerial staff have interest- financial or otherwise- in any of the firms on your panel?
6. Have the minister or ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels
7. Is Australian Public Affairs on any of your panels?

Answer:

Department of Social Services

1. Yes.
2. Information regarding DSS panels and the use of other agency's multi-agency access panels can be obtained through AusTender (www.tenders.gov.au).
3. All staff are required to declare any identified or perceived conflicts of interest as and when they arise so they can be appropriately handled.
- 4, 5, 6. Matters relating to Members of Parliament or their staff should be directed to the Department of Finance.
7. No.

Office of the Aged Care Pricing Commissioner

1 and 2: The Office of the Aged Care Pricing Commissioner refers to the Department of Social Services response in respect of the Multi-use panels.

3 – 7: No

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Australian Institute of Family Studies

1. Yes
2. Information regarding AIFS panels and the use of other agency's multi-agency access panels can be obtained through AusTender (www.tenders.gov.au).
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7. No.

National Disability Insurance Agency

1. No
- 2, 3, 4,5,6,7 – Not applicable

Social Security Appeals Tribunal

Not applicable to the SSAT as they are directed to the Department.