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Senator Moore, Claire asked:

Under the Australian Workplace Gender Equity (WGEA) guidelines, any business which is not compliant with WGEA is not supposed to get any contracts with the government. It is phrased quite vaguely in the process. Is your Department aware of that process and is it part of the operations when you are looking at procurement? Can I get what lenses are applied by the Department in their procurement processes?

Answer:

DSS is aware of the WGEA guidelines and information on these requirements is included in the Department's procurement manual. The Departments Request for Tender (RFT) documentation also includes WGEA compliance conditions that must be satisfied by the tenderer prior to entering into a contract with DSS.

DSS staff are required to comply with procurement connected policies. Staff are provided with access to those policies through the Department of Finance web site at <http://www.finance.gov.au/procurement/procurement-policy-and-guidance/buying/policy-framework/procurement-policies/principles.html>.