

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 22 OCTOBER 2015 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

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Question:

What discussions have taken place with Australian IT companies to maximise employment and technology transfer arising from the investment in the WPIT?

Answer:

The Department held a formal Industry Briefing on Wednesday 30 September 2015, in line with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules. The Industry Briefing provided an opportunity for interested parties to learn about the WPIT Programme and opportunities to do business with the Department.

In the initial planning, when the procurement process currently underway was being designed, the Department engaged with vendors with significant industry experience in project delivery for large scale ICT transformation projects, seeking an understanding of the capability and capacity of the Australian and international ICT industry to meet WPIT's requirements. Engagement with these vendors neither excludes them from participating in the current or future procurements nor gives them any advantage in those procurements.