

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

Question No: 210
Hearing: Budget Estimates
Outcome: Corporate
Programme: Corporate Strategies Division (CSD)
Topic: Portfolio Wide – prequalified multi-use list tenders
Hansard Page: N/A.
Question Date: 27 May 2014
Question Type: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

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

Answer:

1. Yes. A list of panels established by the Department, and its Portfolio Agencies, can be found at www.tenders.gov.au. The website also includes a list of panels established by other agencies that the Department is able to access.
 - a) Each panel listed on www.tenders.gov.au includes a list of all firms participating.
 - b) The Department and its Portfolio Agencies require staff and external parties involved in procurement processes to declare and manage any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interests on a case by case basis. This includes the requirement for all staff to declare relevant financial and other interests (if any).
 - c) The Department does not have responsibility for the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary's staff.
 - d) See response c) above.
 - e) See response c) above.
 - f) Australian Public Affairs is on not on any of the Department's or Portfolio Agencies panels.