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Senator Xenophon asked:

How do the unique functional requirements translate to unique technical requirements.

Answer:

To avoid repetition, for further context we refer you to our response to your previous answer regarding Australian Antarctic Division unique Australian functional requirements.

The Department developed a functional and performance specification as part of the procurement process.

A provisional functional and performance specification was issued as part of the non-binding request for proposal that was issued to the open market via AusTender in January 2013.

Upon completion of the request for proposal process, after taking into account industry's response, the Department then refined the provisional functional and performance specification.

A finalised functional and performance specification was issued as part of the pre-qualified request for tender that was issued via AusTender in January 2014, and tenderers were required to respond to this as part of the tender process.

It is the contractor's role and responsibility to translate and demonstrate how the functional requirements translate to technical requirements.