Senate Economics Legislation CommitteeANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates 2014 3 June to 5 June 2014

Department/ Agency: Australian Office of Financial Management

Question: BET 1465-1473

Topic: Conditions of Government Contracts and Agreements

Reference: Written - 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

Since 7 September 2013;

- Do any contracts managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticising Government policy? If so, please name each contact. When was it formed or created?
- What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?
- Do any agreements managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations on restrictions on advocacy or criticisms of Government policy? If so, please name each agreement. When was it formed or created?
- What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?
- For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reason, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction?
- 1470 Have any changes to financial or resource support to services which advocate on behalf of groups or individuals in Australian society been made? If so, which groups? What was the change?
- 1471 Has any consultation occurred between the Department/Agency and any individuals and/or community groups about these changes? If so, what consultation process was used? Was it public? If not, why not? Are public submissions available on a website?
- 1472 If no consultation has occurred, why not?
- 1473 Did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary meet with any stakeholders about changes to advocacy in their contracts and/or agreements? If so, when? Who did he/she meet with?

Answer:

- 1465 Nil
- 1466 Not Applicable
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