

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE

**TOPIC:** National Radioactive Waste Management Facility briefing

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, 4 June 2015, page 16)

**QUESTION No.:** BI-29

**Senator LUDLAM:** Okay. I have a quick question on the tender process. I understand that there was an information session held here in Canberra on 15 May for possible tenderers to assist the department in building the facility, wherever it winds up being. Which companies attended that briefing and what follow-up communications have been held?

**Mr Sheldrick:** Just a correction on the way you put that: it is not a tender for companies to help build the facility. The tender was let to identify companies that will work with us through the next phase, which is the detailed site characterisation—so the project management around site characterisation, the development of the detailed business case and the safety case. Much of the information from that will flow through into the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act approval processes and the ARPANS Act. The contract was not let around tendering for construction.

**Senator LUDLAM:** That it is an important distinction. Thank you very much. Who attended that briefing and what follow-up communications have been held since then?

**Mr B Wilson:** We would have to take that on notice. I think it was reasonably well attended. Of course, that briefing session is only part of the tender process, and we are obliged, I believe, to make the details of that session widely known on AusTender anyway, so what was discussed at that briefing session should be available on AusTender. I can certainly check that and take it on notice for you.

**Senator LUDLAM:** Yes, if you could, and also just who the attendees were. I am presuming that is not a state secret either.

**ANSWER**

An industry brief was held in Canberra on 15 May 2015 for tenderers interested in undertaking the Site Characterisation Study, development of the Detailed Business Case and development of a related Safety Cases associated with the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility project.

The 26 companies which attended this information session were:

- Abbott Risk Consulting Ltd (ARC)
- AECOM
- Amec Foster Wheeler
- Arup
- Aurecon
- Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation
- Business Aspect Pty Ltd
- CH2M
- Coffey
- Ernst & Young Pty Ltd

- Frazer-Nash Consultancy Ltd
- GHD
- Golder Associates Pty Ltd
- Jacobs
- KPMG
- Lateral Economics
- Manteena Security (Australia) Pty Ltd
- Minderoo Group
- PWC
- QinetiQ Australia
- Relken
- Small Quinton Coleman Architects
- SNC – Lavalin Australia Pty Ltd
- URS Australia Pty Ltd
- Worley Parsons
- WSP – Parsons Brinckerhoff

All follow up communications on this tender have been conducted in writing on the AusTender website.