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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Growth Centres

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: BI-80

Has the Department engaged the services of Ernst & Young to deliver work on the Growth Centres Program? If so, please provide an outline of the nature of the work, including the value of the contract and the AusTender reference number.

ANSWER

The Department of Industry and Science has engaged Ernst & Young for facilitation services to assist the Growth Centre chairs for four of the five growth sectors: Advanced Manufacturing; Food and Agribusiness; Mining Equipment, and Technology Services; and Oil, Gas and Energy Resources. The facilitation services support the chairs' consultation and engagement with stakeholders in the targeted industry sectors and the development and submission of Industry Growth Centre proposals.

The department sourced Ernst & Young from a government standing panel for Consultancy and Business Services (AusTender Standing Offer Notice, reference number 1700081). The services from Ernst & Young are covered in two contracts. One contract is for facilitation for the Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Growth Centre with a contract value of \$92,000 (including GST). The other contract covers the other three sectors being facilitated by Ernst & Young and has a contract value of \$276,000 (including GST).