

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Innovation and Science Portfolio
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Limited tender contracts

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Xenophon

QUESTION No.: BI-78

1. What percentage of contracts entered into by the Department in FY 2015/16 were limited?
2. What was the total value of these limited tenders?
3. Across the department, please provide a list of all contracts in FY 2015/16 that involved a limited tender contract to an entity for services below \$80,000 followed by a subsequent limited tender contract (either in FY 15/16 or 16/17) to the same entity for services below \$80,000 or above \$80,000 (please list the two contracts by AUSTENDER number). Please provide the justification (and any documents relating thereto) for the limited tender of any subsequent contract that was above the \$80,000 threshold.
4. Across the department, please provide a list of all contracts in FY 2016/17 that involved a limited tender contract to an entity for services below \$80,000 followed by a subsequent limited tender contract to the same entity for services below \$80,000 or above \$80,000 (please list the two contracts by AUSTENDER number). Please provide the justification (and any documents relating thereto) for the limited tender of any subsequent contract that was above the \$80,000 threshold.

ANSWER

1. 54 percent of contracts entered into by the department in 2015/16 were limited tender.
2. The total value of these contracts was \$64,450,330 (GST inclusive).
- 3 & 4. Details of procurement contracts valued at \$10,000 (GST inclusive) and above are reported on AusTender (www.tenders.gov.au). Reports by procurement method can be run by selecting 'Reports' on the Quicklinks tab and entering in the relevant parameters.

While data on the justification for limited tender valued at \$80,000 and above is held, it is not held in a way that allows reports to be run. To put the data together in the required format would require a manual investigation of each limited tender and would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.