

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Industry Portfolio  
Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing 2014-15  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

**TOPIC:** Prequalified, Multi-use list tenders

**REFERENCE:** Written Questions – Senator Ludwig

**QUESTION No.:** SI-163

1. Does the Department/Agency have existing prequalified or multi-use list panels for tenders?
2. Please list all Prequalified or Multi-use list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the department/agency?
3. Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest- financial or otherwise - in any of the firms on your panels?
4. Do any Ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels?
5. Do any Ministerial staff have interest- financial or otherwise in any of the firms on your panel?
6. Have the minister or ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels?
7. Is Australian Public Affairs on any of your panels?

**ANSWER**

1. The Department does have existing multi-use lists and panel arrangements. The majority of the multi-use lists and panels used by the department are managed by other departments.
2. Details of multi-use lists and panel arrangements established and used by the department are available at [www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au).
3. The Department actively identifies and manages conflict of interest through a mandatory annual conflict of interest declaration process. Details of this process are available on the department's web site. Additionally, members of open tender evaluation panels should complete a conflict of interest declaration relating specifically to the procurement process they are involved in. Examining all procurement processes over the period to ascertain if any Executive Level or higher staff have an interest – financial or otherwise – in any of the firms on our panels would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.
4. No.
5. No.
6. No.

Details of multi-use lists and panel arrangements established and used by the Department including details of suppliers are available at [www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au)