

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015**

**Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Corporate**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000059**

Senator Carr, Kim asked on 25 February 2015, Hansard page 27

***Previous QoN ED0392\_15***

**Question**

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Senator KIM CARR: .. Question 392 regards contract description. You basically said to me, 'Read the website.' I think you would appreciate we do that

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Senator KIM CARR: I appreciate your advice, Minister, but when I ask for a copy of a report I ask for a copy of a report. I should not be referred to the AusTender documents. We have had a long history here—over 20 years I have been able to share these matters in both government and opposition. I have also asked, Ms Paul, you would certify, departmental officials to answer questions even when we were in government.

I am concerned that a deterioration in the standard of answers provided—that may not be your problem. That is why I asked the question: 'Were these answers changed in the minister's office?' When I ask for a copy of a report I do not expect to be referred to the original tender notification on AusTender.

Ms Paul: We have answered the bit on outcomes and outputs, although probably not to your satisfaction. We did have a look at it and said it would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources. You are right, we have not provided the report, so I will take that piece away and have a look at how many of those have reports and whether they can be provided.

**Answer**

Previous QoN ED0392\_15 requested – “For the following contract numbers please provide (a) A detailed description of the purpose of the contract (b) The value of the contract (c) Who the contract was awarded to (d) How the winner was selected (e) If there was more than one bidder, how many bidders were there (f) When did the contract commence and cease (g) What the output/outcome of the contract was and (h) if the output/outcome was a report, please provide the report: CN2273351 CN2284871 CN2330901 CN2330921 CN2330941 CN2340502 CN2395981 CN2446641 CN2446691 CN2510651 CN2562471 CN2566911 CN2573171 CN2626351”

This information has been provided in the attached table (Attachment A).