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Question

Labour hire firm contract details

Senator PATERSON: Just to clarify, does the contract between the department and a labour hire firm go into the rates of pay or the kinds of details like that that the labour hire firm should pay its staff?

Ms Leon: I do not believe so, Senator, but I might have to take that on notice and get you an example of one of those contracts. We may even be able to get that while we are here this morning. I will just see what we can do.

Answer

The Department generally engages contractors using panel arrangements established by other Commonwealth agencies. A Deed of Standing Offer is established with each supplier on the panel. The Deed includes a rates schedule, provided at the time of responding to tender, for the Department to pay to the supplier. It does not specify the rate of pay a supplier pays to the contractor, which is a matter for the supplier and the contractor.

A Deed of Standing Offer under the ICT Contractor Services Panel established by the Department of Human Services is attached as an example.