

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004299

Senator Xenophon provided in writing.

Question

Limited tender contracts

1. What percentage of contracts entered into by the Department in FY 2015/16 were limited tenders?
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

The Department used the limited tender procurement method for 675 contracts representing 44.5 per cent of all contracts, with a value of \$130,757,510 representing 1.5 per cent in value of all contracts in FY 2015–16.

Attached is the list of all contracts entered into by the Department in 2015–16 and 2016–17 financial year that involved the limited tender procurement for goods and services with value below \$80,000 followed by a subsequent limited tender procurement (either in the 2015–16 or 2016–17 financial year) to the same entity for goods and services with value below \$80,000 or above \$80,000.