

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Asked By: Senator RONALDSON

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Senator RONALDSON—You would have no idea whether the FFA went out to open tender with a lot of these contracts or whether they were a select tender or whatever?

Mr Eccles—I understand that in the instance that you are talking about it was a direct decision that they made to approach ECN, the company that—

Senator RONALDSON—What about the other contracts?

Mr Eccles—I believe Abold was also a direct tender. The Abold company has a track record that is quite impressive, having secured a number of Winter Olympics for bidding nations, as well as a number of sporting events.

Senator RONALDSON—What were the open tenders?

Mr Eccles—I do not have that information with me. I might be able to have that later in the day.

Senator RONALDSON—Were there any?

Mr Eccles—I do not know. I will need to look into that.

Answer:

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We have been advised by Football Federation Australia (FFA) that competitive tenders were sought for many projects relating to infrastructure requirements, market research, marketing services, transport and security strategies.

European Consultancy Network (ECN) was not appointed based on an open tender.

Abold GmbH and its sub-contractors were not appointed based on an open tender.