

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question:

With reference to the department's \$9,900 contract with Adelaide Bragg for work related to The Lodge and the Commonwealth Procurement Rules (2014) r.7.2 which requires officials to maintain documentation of each procurement, including: (a) the requirement for the procurement; (b) the process that was followed; (c) how value for money was considered and achieved; (d) relevant approvals; and (e) relevant decisions and the basis of those decisions:

- a) Please provide copies of all documentation, including all internal correspondence, relating to the procurement.
- b) To the extent that this documentation does include documentation 'accurate and concise information' of any or all of (a)-(e) listed above, please advise:
 - i. why these records were not kept;
 - ii. whether the Department contends that it has complied with the recommendations in ANAO Audit Report No. 19 2008-09 (CMAX Communications Contract for the 2020 Summit), which recommended that:
... Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet enhance transparency and accountability relating to decisions to spend public money on consultants by improving its documentation of the engagement process, so as to provide an accurate record of inquiries undertaken and the key reasons for the decisions;
and
 - c) the basis for this contention.

Answer:

Refer to the response to PM233.