

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Expenses for non-Departmental works

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

Senator LUDWIG: Is it going to be an Austender process, or an open competitive tender?

Mr Owens: Yes, we will be developing a statement of work and then going through a procurement process for a company or companies to assist us in the work required as well as the sales and marketing. There are legals and there might be work for consultancies in terms of environment and heritage, due diligence and those sorts of things.

Senator LUDWIG: The 2.2 though—it will not be all for contracts; there will be some for administrative expenses within—

Ms Mason: No, Senator. If you are referring to departmental expenses for staff and costs within the department, none of that amount of money is for those purposes. We will be managing the process using existing resources within the department.

Senator LUDWIG: So between this 'Smaller Government'—it is certainly costing you an efficiency dividend extra, isn't it. That is an aside.

Mr Tune: It is a reprioritisation of some of the work that we do. That is common. We will work our way through that

Senator LUDWIG: That has now piqued my interest. How many pieces of work that do not have departmental expenses attached to them that you are now doing—I am happy for you to take that on notice because I know that you do not have all of the relevant people here.

Mr Tune: I will take that on notice.

Answer:

All work of the Department is undertaken within existing resources, unless specific supplementation is provided in the budget context.