

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Photographic equipment – procurement process

**Senator:** Senator the Hon John Faulkner

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**Question:**

Senator FAULKNER: Just so I am clear, can you explain to me what procurement process is undertaken on equipment like this, please.

Ms Kelly: I can take that on notice and come back to you. I do not have the details of the particular process used in relation to the purchase of the various items of equipment that you have referred to.

**Answer:**

Requests for photographic equipment were made on separate occasions and purchased accordingly (as outlined in Senate Parliamentary Question on Notice No. 157). As the value of the goods in each request was below \$10,000, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet obtained three quotes from various suppliers to get best value for money. This process is consistent with the limited tender requirements outlined in the Commonwealth Procurement Rules (the Rules) issued by the Department of Finance.