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Question:

Senator LUDLAM: Okay. I am aware that we are probably running short of time. Could you table for us or take on notice the details and timing around the process for putting that out to tender and the selection process? How many companies entered that tender?

Mr Archer: My recollection is that there were nine, but I would like to take that on notice to ensure I am not misleading you.

Answer:

An open market tender process was undertaken to appoint an expert consultant to provide comprehensive electricity market modelling and analysis. The tender was released on 17 March 2014 and closed on 28 March 2014.

Nine companies responded to the tender. ACIL Allen was engaged as the successful service provider on 15 April 2014.

The selection process was conducted by a committee of officials from the Department of the Environment, the Treasury and the RET Review Secretariat. The process was conducted in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines. Each response was evaluated on the basis of a number of criteria, including the tenderer's capability to deliver high quality services, capacity and reliability of the tenderer and overall value for money of the proposal.