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Question:

Senator LUDWIG: Thanks. Is there a target in terms of contracts or you are just simply reporting? Is there a level that you are trying to achieve? It might be PM&C trying to achieve and you are reporting against that.

Mr Sheridan: There are targets in the policy. The targets are on the number of contracts and it is about an increase in the number of contracts over previous years. In 2015-16, agencies are required to get 0.5 per cent of their contracts with Indigenous companies; in 2016-17, it is 1.5 per cent; in 2017-18, it is two per cent; and, in 2018-19, it is 2.5 per cent.

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Senator LUDWIG: So what would the numbers be? The 0.5 and 1.5 per cent—how do you equate those to a number?

Mr Sheridan: Let's assume that there are 80,000 contracts a year across the Commonwealth. One percent of that is 800 and half a per cent is 400.

Senator LUDWIG: I am happy for you to take that on notice. I take it that you do have the exact numbers or close enough?

Mr Sheridan: I think we know the numbers by agency. I think they were broken down in the press release.

Senator LUDWIG: See what you can do, thanks.

Answer:

Indicative Indigenous procurement targets by Portfolio are available from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website at:

<http://www.dpmc.gov.au/indigenous-affairs/about/jobs-land-and-economy-programme/ipp/indicative-indigenous-procurement-targets-portfolio>