

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Requirement for tenderers to complete Australian Industry Participation plan

Senator: Carr

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Question:

Are you aware of changes to the requirements for tenderers to complete Australian Industry Participation (AIP) plans, a procurement-connected policy, made by the Department of Industry in 2015?

Was the Department of Finance consulted about these changes?

If the Department of Finance was consulted, please provide a summary of the consultation process and advice provided by the Department of Finance.

Answer:

The Department of Finance (Finance) is aware of the change made in the interest of reducing regulatory burden for business that requires only successful tenderers to complete an Australian Industry Participation Plan, rather than all tenderers.

Finance was informally consulted on this change to ensure consistency with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules. The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (Industry) also provided an update to procurement officials in the monthly procurement bulletin issued by Finance. As the policy owning entity, Industry is responsible for administering, reviewing and providing information on the policy as required.