

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014**

**Finance Portfolio**

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**Senator:** Wong

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**Question:**

With reference to the document “The Coalition’s Policy to Boost Productivity and Reduce Regulation”:

- (a) Has a common form contract for all Commonwealth grants been adopted?
- (b) Have whole-of-government probity guidelines been established? If so, can a copy be provided?
- (c) Has the threshold for sole source contracts been increased?
- (d) What changes have been made to Commonwealth cost recovery methods?

**Answer:**

- (a) The whole-of-government grant agreement template, to be used by agencies when entering into low-risk grants is being piloted by several Commonwealth agencies.
- (b) Finance is preparing revisions to its online guidance material regarding probity to include more specific requirements on engaging with potential suppliers through the procurement process.
- (c) No.
- (d) Finance is close to finalising a review of the Cost Recovery Guidelines to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of cost recovered activities.