

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—November 2013**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary Departments: Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Contracts**

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Senator LUDLAM:...Can you tell us what kind of software that entity is working on for DPS?

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Senator LUDLAM:...Maybe on notice—because I know we are short of time—could you break down the contracts? I am interested in the dollar amounts, the dates they were initiated, their duration and exactly what services are being provided.

Senator LUDLAM:...Did that behaviour come up when you were doing the due diligence on this company?

Senator LUDLAM: ...On notice, will you please provide us with what due diligence you have done and whether you are aware of those specific allegations of misconduct—a half a billion dollars is a fairly serious breach penalty—and whether you spotted that behaviour before you rolled these contracts over.

Answer

DPS has a contract with SAIC Pty Ltd (now named Leidos Pty Ltd), an Australian company, not the US parent company Science Applications International Corporation (now named Leidos Inc.). This contract commenced in October 2007 and was extended in October 2010 and October 2012 using extension options in the original contract. Several work orders have been executed under this contract and are detailed in the table below.

During the tender evaluation, the due diligence included a financial viability evaluation, a referee's check of two customers, inspection of three years of the company's annual reports, an assessment of the company's skills and ability to provide the requested services, a technical assessment of the proposed solution and a value for money assessment.

Lawyers Clayton Utz was engaged by DPS to provide legal advice during the development of the contract with SAIC Pty Ltd and legal sign off of the contract was provided by Clayton Utz on 18 October 2007.

The details of the current DPS contract with SAIC are below:

Contract #	Duration	Value (to date)	Start Date	End Date
DPS07078 CN42306	7 years (3 Years + 2 x 2 Year options to extend)	\$4,038,151.15 (GST Inclusive)	19 October 2007	18 October 2014

The following services have been provided under this contract:

2007-2008	Replacement for ParllInfo (Search) and the Bills system
2010	Development of the Library Authoring System and Thesaurus (LAST)
2011-2012	Services to develop the interface between ParllInfo Search and the (then new) Parliament of Australia website.

2012	Services to assist with the software enhancements to ParInfo Search application and hardware upgrade for ParInfo Search and LAST application.
Current	Enhancements to the LAST system
Throughout the contract	Support for the above systems